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Chapter 1

Main Page

1.1 Overview

This library provides an implementation of the max-sum algorithm in C++. For more details about the purpose and theory behind this algorithm, please see <http://eprints.soton.ac.uk/265159/>

The source code for this library can be downloaded from [here](#).

A pdf version of this documentation is also available [here](#).

If you have any comments or suggestions about this library or its documentation, please let me know via the main [project website](#).

1.2 Library Organisation

The contents of this library are organised into two namespaces:

- [maxsum](#), which contains all functions and classes that form part the public interface to this library; and
- [maxsum::util](#), which contains utility code that forms part of the library implementation.

Our intention here is that only functions and types that are of direct interest to third party developers should be located in the [maxsum](#) namespace. In contrast, those in the [maxsum::util](#) interface are not intended to form part of the public interface to the library, and so should only be of interest to developers who wish to extend or modify the library.

Of the classes in the maxsum namespace, three provide the bulk of the library's functionality, and should be of particular interest to anyone wishing to apply the max-sum algorithm:

- [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#), which is used to represent mathematical functions that depend on the cartesian product of a set of variables with finite domains;
- [maxsum::DomainIterator](#), which provides methods for iterating over the domain of [DiscreteFunction](#) objects; and
- [maxsum::MaxSumController](#), which operates on a *factor graph*, to optimise the values assigned to a set of (action) variables.

The following sections describe each of these classes in more detail, together with example extracts of code to demonstrate their proper use.

1.3 The DiscreteFunction Class

The [DiscreteFunction](#) class is the main workhorse of the maxsum library, which not only provides a way to represent mathematical functions, but also to manipulate their values, and combine them using various mathematical operators to form new functions. As the class name suggests, the main limitation is that only functions with a finite domain can be represented, values of which are stored internally for each possible value of a function's domain.

In future versions, we may provide other classes which can be used to represent functions with continuous domains. However, for now, the [DiscreteFunction](#) class provides all the operations necessary to apply the max-sum algorithm to finite domains. In particular, the following subsections describe the main operations that can be performed using this class.

1.3.1 Construction

The domain of each [DiscreteFunction](#) is specified by a set of variables, identified by ids of type [maxsum::VarID](#). Each variable, k , is associated with a fixed domain size, N_k , which must be registered before the variable is used, and must remain the same through a program's execution. Once registered, a variable can then take on any integer value in the range $[0, N_k]$. For example, to create a [DiscreteFunction](#) that depends on a single variable, 2, we may execute the following code:

```
maxsum::registerVariable (2, 10);
maxsum::DiscreteFunction func(2, 3.2);
```

Here, variable 2 is registered with domain size 10, which means that it can take on values in the range $[0, 9]$. The 2nd parameter of this constructor is used to initialise all values for this function to a specific value, in this case 3.2. So, for example, we have

```
num = func.noVars(); // num == 1 (depends on one variable only)
siz = func.domainSize(); // siz == 10
val = func(0); // val == 3.2
...
val = func(9); // val == 3.2
val = func(10); // result undefined!!
```

In addition to depending on a single value, [DiscreteFunction](#)'s can also depend on multiple variables, or the empty set. In the latter, case the function encapsulates a single scalar constant, which does not depend on any variable, and is index by 0:

```
maxsum::DiscreteFunction func(4.5); // depends on no variables
num = func.noVars(); // num==0 (depends on no variables)
siz = func.domainSize(); // siz==1 (has only one value)
val = func(0); // val == 4.5
val = func(1); // result undefined!!
```

For the former case, there are several options for defining functions that depend on several variables. In particular, we can achieve this by passing a list of variable ids to the constructor using iterators. For example:

```
maxsum::VarID vars[] = {1,4,8}; // array of size 3
maxsum::ValIndex siz[] = {5,10,15}; // var 1 has domain size 5 etc.
maxsum::registerVariables (vars,vars+3,siz,size+3);
maxsum::DiscreteFunction func(vars,vars+3); // values initialised to 0
num = func.noVars(); // num=3 (depends on three variables)
siz = func.domainSize(); // siz=5*10*15 (size of cartesian product)
val = func(0); // val == 0
val = func(749); // val == 0 (see below for full explanation)
val = func(750); // result undefined!!
```

In addition to these, other constructors include a copy constructor and matching assignment operator; and a default constructor, which creates a function that depends on no variables and has a single value of 0. For details, see the manual page for [DiscreteFunction](#).

1.3.2 Element Access

As demonstrated in the examples above, the basic and most efficient way to access the values of a function, is to pass a single integer value to the overloaded `()` operator. This single integer value acts like a linear index for N-D arrays in matlab, except that values start from 0 rather than 1. Moreover, all versions of the `()` operator return references to values in a [DiscreteFunction](#), and so can be used for setting as well as reading values. For example, the following code is valid.

```
func(1) = 3.45; // set func(1) to 3.45
val = func(1); // val == 3.45
```

As in matlab, or indeed any scheme for indexing N-D arrays, these linear indices depend on the order in which each dimension is stored in memory. In our case, each variable in a function's domain corresponds to a dimension in an N-D array, with variables ordered from least to most significant according to their ID. For example, if `func` depends on variables 3 and 5 with corresponding domain sizes 2 and 3, then we have the following correspondence between variable values and linear indices:

Variable 3	Variable 5	Linear Index
0	0	0
1	0	1
0	1	2
1	1	3
0	2	4
1	2	5

Here, notice how variable 3, having the smallest variable id, is incremented first, before the variable with the next largest id, which is 5. The situation is the same for variables with more than two variables: the variable with the smallest id is incremented first, and so on until the variable with the highest id, which is incremented last.

Although the most efficient way to access elements using linear indices, these are often not available, and so must be calculated from a set of subindices, relating to named variables. For this reason, several other versions of the `()` operator are available that except subindices. For example, if variable names and values are stored in lists, s.t. the *k*th index gives the value for the *k*th variable, then we can access elements as follows.

```
maxsum::VarID vars[] = {1,4,8}; // array of size 3
maxsum::ValIndex siz[] = {5,10,15}; // var 1 has domain size 5 etc.
maxsum::registerVariables (vars,vars+3,siz,size+3);
maxsum::DiscreteFunction func(vars,vars+3); // values initialised to 0

std::vector<VarID> varVec(vars,vars+3); // copy ids into vector
std::vector<ValIndex> valVec(3); // vector of size 3
valVec[0] = 2; // index value for variable 1
valVec[1] = 4; // index value for variable 4
valVec[2] = 5; // index value for variable 8

// THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ALL ACCESS THE SAME ELEMENT
int linearIndex = 2+4*10+5*15*10; // corresponding linear index
func(2,4,5); // specify indices in order of variable id
func(valVec.begin(),valVec.end()); // indices in order of variable id
func(linearIndex); // access by corresponding linear index
func(varVec,valVec); // access by named variables in lists (does not work for arrays)
func(vars,vars+3,valVec.begin(),valVec.end()); // access by named variables using iterators
func(varVec.begin(),varVec.end(),valVec.begin(),valVec.end());
```

Here, the last three variants all work by specifying named variables and corresponding values in lists, either by passing reference to containers directly (which must supply interfaces consistent with standard library containers), or by passing iterators to such lists. In each case, the *k*th value is assumed to correspond to the *k*th named variable. Any values specified for variables that are not in the functions domain are ignored.

For some versions of the `()` operator, the member function [maxsum::DiscreteFunction::at](#) is also provided for convenient element access through pointers. For example, the following code is valid:

```
using namespace maxsum;
```

```

registerVariable (3,5);
DiscreteFunction func(3,4.5);
DiscreteFunction* pFunc = &func;
val = (*pFunc)(2); // works, but ugly
val = pFunc->at(2); // equivalent, but more readable

```

1.3.3 Mathematical Operations

Three main types of mathematical operation are provided by the `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` class, each of which are described below.

1.3.3.1 Scalar Operations

Scalar operations are used to calculate specific statistics about a function's values over its domain. The table below summarises the available scalar operations, together with their mathematical definition w.r.t. a `maxsum::DiscreteFunction`, f , with linear indices 1 to N .

Member Function	Definition
<code>DiscreteFunction::mean</code>	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N f(k)$
<code>DiscreteFunction::max</code>	$\max_k f(k)$
<code>DiscreteFunction::min</code>	$\min_k f(k)$
<code>DiscreteFunction::maxnorm</code>	$\max_k f(k) $

1.3.3.2 Domain Operations

Domain operations operate on a single `DiscreteFunction` object to reduce or expand its domain in some way. In particular, the `DiscreteFunction::expand` member extends the set of variables that a `DiscreteFunction` depends on, such that its new domain is the union of its previous domain, and a set of variables specified by the expand function's arguments. Several overloaded versions exist that allow the new set of variables to be specified in different ways:

Member Function	Description
<code>DiscreteFunction::expand(const VarID var)</code>	Expands the domain to include the variable <code>var</code> .
<code>DiscreteFunction::expand(const DiscreteFunction& fun)</code>	Expands the domain of <code>this DiscreteFunction</code> to include all variables in the domain of <code>fun</code> .
<code>template<class VarInd></code> <code>DiscreteFunction::expand(VarInd begin, VarInd end)</code>	Expands the domain to include all variables in the sequence pointed to by the iterators <code>begin</code> and <code>end</code> .

After a call to `expand`, the `DiscreteFunction`'s values remain the same for all elements of its previous domain. For example

```

using namespace maxsum;
registerVariable (1,3);
registerVariable (2,3);
DiscreteFunction func(2,0); // depends only on variable 2
func(0) = 1.1;
func(1) = 2.2;
func(2) = 3.3;

func.expand(1); // func now depends on variables 1 and 2
val = func(1,0); // val == 1.1
val = func(2,0); // val == 1.1
val = func(1,2); // val == 3.3
val = func(2,2); // val == 3.3

```

As well as expanding a `DiscreteFunction`'s domain, it is often necessary to *reduce* its domain. In general, this results in a loss of information, so it is necessary to specify how the values in the new smaller domain are derived from those in the original larger domain. Currently, there are two ways to do this.

First, the `DiscreteFunction::condition` member function can be used to specify fixed values for a set of variables that are to be removed from a function's domain. For example, following on from the code in the last example, we may reduce the domain of `func` as follows.

```
VarID toRemove[] = {2}; // list of variables to remove
ValIndex vals[] = {1}; // fixed values for removed variables
func.condition (toRemove,toRemove+1,vals,vals+1); // specify iterators over arrays

val = func(0); // val == 2.2 (because variable 2 was given fixed value 1)
val = func(1); // val == 2.2 (see code above)
val = func(2); // val == 2.2
```

Second, rather than conditioning on specific values for the removed variables, we can *marginalise* by somehow aggregating all the values for the removed variables to produce a single value. In particular, the definition of the max-sum algorithm requires variables to be removed by taking a function's maximum value across the removed variables. Here, this is achieved using the `maxMarginal` function, which takes the maximum value of one `DiscreteFunction` across a set variables, and stores the result in another `DiscreteFunction`.

This works by passing references to two `DiscreteFunctions`: the first, `inFun`, is the original function to be marginalised, and the second, `outFun`, is a function with a smaller domain, in which the result will be stored. The domain of `outFun` must not be larger than the domain of `inFun`, and any variables that are in the domain of `inFun`, but not in the domain of `outFun`, will be marginalised. This procedure is demonstrated in the following code.

```
VarID vars = {1,2};
ValIndex siz = {2,3}; // variable 1 has domain size 2, etc.
registerVariables (vars,vars+2,siz,siz+2);
DiscreteFunction inFun(vars,vars+2); // depends on variables 1 and 2
DiscreteFunction outFun(vars,vars+1); // depends on variable 1 only

inFun(0,0) = 1; // assign some values to inFun
inFun(1,1) = 2;
inFun(0,2) = 3;
inFun(1,0) = 4;
inFun(0,1) = 5;
inFun(1,2) = 6;

maxMarginal (inFun,outFun); // max marginalise inFun and store result in outFun

val = outFun(0); // val==5 (maximum value for variable 1=0 in inFun)
val = outFun(1); // val==6 (maximum value for variable 1=1 in inFun)
```

The reason for this style is efficiency: by preallocating `outFun` to store the result, we do not need to allocate temporary objects in memory, and if necessary, can reuse `outFun` to store the result of several similar marginalisations.

More generally, the maxsum library also provides a number marginalisation functions, which aggregate across the removed variables in different ways. These are summarised in the table below. However, only the `maxMarginal` function is actually required to implement the max-sum algorithm. See [The MaxSumController Class](#) for details.

Function	Description
<code>maxMarginal</code>	Marginalise by maximising across removed variables.
<code>minMarginal</code>	Marginalise by minimising across removed variables.
<code>meanMarginal</code>	Marginalise by averaging across removed variables.
<code>marginal</code>	Marginalise using a custom aggregation function.

1.3.3.3 Arithmetic Operations

Arithmetic operations on `DiscreteFunction`'s are provided by overloading the standard arithmetic operators in C++, including `+`, `-`, and `*`. These operations are applied elementwise across the cartesian product of the operands' domains, as illustrated in the following example:

```

VarID vars = {1,2};
ValIndex siz = {2,3}; // variable 1 has domain size 2, etc.
registerVariables (vars,vars+2,siz,siz+2);
DiscreteFunction f(vars,vars+1); // depends only on variable 1
DiscreteFunction g(vars+1,vars+2); // depends only on variable 2
DiscreteFunction h(vars,vars+2); // depends on variables 1 and 2

// assign some values
f(0) = 1.0; f(1) = 1.1;
g(0) = 2.0; g(1) = 2.1; g(2) = 2.2;
h(0,0) = 3.0; h(0,1) = 3.1; h(0,2) = 3.2;
h(1,0) = 4.0; h(1,1) = 4.1; h(1,2) = 4.2;

DiscreteFunction x = f+g;
// x(0,0) == f(0) + g(0) == 1.0 + 2.0 == 3.0;
// x(1,0) == f(1) + g(0) == 1.1 + 2.0 == 3.1;
// ....
// x(1,2) == f(1) + g(2) == 1.1 + 2.2 == 3.3;

DiscreteFunction y = f+h;
// y(0,0) == f(0) + h(0,0) == 1.0 + 3.0 == 4.0;
// y(1,0) == f(1) + h(1,0) == 1.1 + 4.0 == 5.1;
// ....
// y(1,2) == f(1) + h(1,2) == 1.1 + 4.2 == 5.3;

```

Here, notice that the domain of the results, x and y , are automatically set to the cartesian product of the domains of the operands. The following operations are all similarly defined.

Operation	Description
$f + g$	Element-wise addition.
$f - g$	Element-wise subtraction.
$f * g$	Element-wise multiplication.
$f += g$	Element-wise addition, storing result in f .
$f -= g$	Element-wise subtraction, storing result in f .
$f *= g$	Element-wise multiplication, storing result in f .
$-g$	Unary Minus.

The right operand, g , can also be replaced by a scalar value of any numeric type convertible to [ValType](#). In this case, the scalar is operated on with each element in the [DiscreteFunction](#)'s domain e.g.

```

DiscreteFunction z = f + 100.5;
// z(0) == f(0) + 100.5 == 1.0 + 100.5 == 101.5
// z(1) == f(1) + 100.5 == 1.1 + 100.5 == 101.6

```

Since adding a number of [DiscreteFunctions](#) together is a common procedure, a member function [DiscreteFunction::add](#) is also provided, which takes iterators to the start and end of a sequence of [DiscreteFunctions](#), and adds them all to the current [DiscreteFunction](#), expanding its domain if necessary.

1.3.4 Comparison Operations

Equality between [DiscreteFunctions](#) can be defined in several ways, and for this reason the [maxsum](#) library provides three different functions for testing equality between [DiscreteFunction](#) objects:

Function	Description
sameDomain(const DiscreteFunction& f1, const DiscreteFunction& f2)	Returns true iff $f1$ and $f2$ have the same domain.
equalWithinTolerance(const DiscreteFunction& f1, const DiscreteFunction& f2, ValType tol)	Returns true iff $f1$ and $f2$ are equal across the cartesian product of their domains, within a given tolerance, tol .
strictlyEqualWithinTolerance(const DiscreteFunction& f1, const DiscreteFunction& f2, ValType tol)	Returns true iff <code>sameDomain(f1, f2) && equalWithinTolerance(f1, f2, tol)</code>

The functions [equalWithinTolerance](#) and [strictlyEqualWithinTolerance](#) are provided so that two [DiscreteFunctions](#) can be treated as equal in cases where their values differ only by some small rounding error. For cases in which strict equality is required between values is required (i.e. the error tolerance is 0), the standard equality and inequality operators may also be used:

Operator	Definition
<code>f1==f2</code>	<code>equalWithinTolerance(f1,f2,0)</code>
<code>f1!=f2</code>	<code>!equalWithinTolerance(f1,f2,0)</code>

1.3.5 Miscellaneous Operations

The [DiscreteFunction](#) class includes a number of members that do not directly relate to a [DiscreteFunction](#)'s values, but instead provide meta data about the function, and enable various house keeping operations. These are summarised in the following table.

Function	Description
DiscreteFunction::domainSize	Returns the size of this DiscreteFunction 's domain, defined as the product of the domain sizes for each variable in its domain.
DiscreteFunction::noVars	Returns the number of variables in this DiscreteFunction 's domain.
DiscreteFunction::dependsOn	Returns <code>true</code> if a specified variable is in this DiscreteFunction 's domain.
DiscreteFunction::varBegin	Returns an iterator to the start of the list of variables in this DiscreteFunction 's domain.
DiscreteFunction::varEnd	Returns an iterator to the end of the list of variables in this DiscreteFunction 's domain.
DiscreteFunction::sizeBegin	Returns an iterator to the start of a list of domain sizes, in which the kth element gives the domain size for the kth variable in this DiscreteFunction 's domain.
DiscreteFunction::sizeEnd	Returns an iterator to the end of a list of domain sizes, in which the kth element gives the domain size for the kth variable in this DiscreteFunction 's domain.

1.4 The DomainIterator Class

Todo.

1.5 The MaxSumController Class

[MaxSumController](#) is the main class responsible for implementing the max-sum algorithm, and providing its results. To run the algorithm using this class, the following steps are all that is required:

1. Register all variables in the factor graph using either [registerVariable](#) or [registerVariables](#).
2. Create a set of [DiscreteFunction](#) objects, representing each factor in the target problem's factor graph.
3. Construct a new [MaxSumController](#) object, optionally specifying termination conditions.
4. Use the [MaxSumController::setFactor](#) member function to specify the set of factors from the previously created list of [DiscreteFunction](#) objects.
5. Call [MaxSumController::optimise](#) to run the max-sum algorithm
6. Use [MaxSumController::valBegin](#) and [MaxSumController::valEnd](#) to iterate through all variables in the factor graph, and retrieve there optimal values.

For example, the following code illustrates how these steps may be implemented in practice:

```

using namespace maxsum;
std::vector<VarID> vars; // list of variables in factor graph
std::vector<ValIndex> sizes; // sizes[k] == domain size for vars[k]
// ... populate above containers with appropriate values
registerVariables(vars.begin(),vars.end(),sizes.begin(),sizes.end());

std::map<FactorID,DiscreteFunction> factors; // factors mapped to ids
// populate factors with DiscreteFunctions mapped to factor ids

MaxSumController controller(100,0.0001); // new controller with custom stopping conditions
// see MaxSumController::MaxSumController for details
// set up factor graph inside controller
// edges of graph are inferred automatically for factor domains
typedef std::map<FactorID,DiscreteFunction>::const_iterator Iterator;
for(Iterator it=factors.begin(); it!=factors.end(); ++it)
{
    controller.setFactor(it->first,it->second);
}

controller.optimise(); // run the max-sum algorithm

for(MaxSumController::ConstValueIterator it=controller.valBegin();
    it!=controller.valEnd(); ++it)
{
    std::cout << "Optimal value for variable " << it->first
               << " is " << it->second << std::endl;
}

```

In addition to these functions, [MaxSumController](#) class also provides a number of other member functions to set, change, and query the factor graph in different ways. These are particular useful in the problems where the factor values, or the shape of the factor graph can change over time. For further information, see the manual page for [MaxSumController](#).

1.6 Tips on Writing Efficient Code

In general, the guidelines for writing efficient C++ code in any context also apply to code written using the maxsum library. In particular, one key piece of advice is to, as far as possible, avoid creating temporary objects in memory, when existing objects can be modified and reused.

One place where temporary objects are (currently) unavoidable is in the use of certain overloaded operators:

- The arithmetic operators, +, −, and * all create temporary objects to store their result
- The postfix increment operator, ++, returns a copy of its operand, before incrementing the operands value.

We have plans to implement lazy evaluation, which would minimise the use of temporary objects, and improve performance in many instances. For now though, if you find you need more speed you may wish to consider the following *destructive* alternatives, which replace an operand's original value with the result:

Operation	Efficient Alternative
<code>it++</code>	<code>++it</code>
<code>f = f + g</code>	<code>f+=g</code>
<code>f = f - g</code>	<code>f-=g</code>
<code>f = f * g</code>	<code>f*=g</code>
<code>f = - f</code>	<code>f *= -1</code>

When performing arithmetic with DiscreteFunctions, another useful technique to expand a function's domain to its final size, rather than allowing its domain to change incrementally with each operation. For example, suppose DiscreteFunctions `f`, `g` and `h` depend on the single variables 1, 2, and 3 respectively. Now consider the following code.

```
// f starts with domain {1} only  
f += g; // f reallocated to expand domain to {1,2}  
f += h; // f reallocated to expand domain to {1,2,3}
```

On the otherhand, if we know the final domain in advance, we can improve efficiency by doing the following:

```
VarID vars[] = {1,2,3};  
f.expand(vars,vars+3); // domain of f is now {1,2,3}  
f += g; // more efficient: no domain change necessary  
f += h;
```

1.7 Future Work

Although the basic implementation of this library is now complete, this project is still under going its first phase of active development. Accurate results are thus not yet guaranteed, and in fact, bugs are very much still to be expected.

For now, our main priority is thus continued testing and debugging. Beyond that, we also plan to look at various options for optimising the code and improving the interface. For example, one option is to link to the [eigen3](#) linear algebra library, to take advantage of its hardware vectorisation. We are also considering lazy evaluation as an option for optimising overloaded operators for the [DiscreteFunction](#) class.

We will also continue to improve this documentation of the API. All comments and feedback welcome!

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4.1 Class List

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maxsum::MaxSumController	This class maintains a factor graph and implements the max-sum algorithm	57
maxsum::NoSuchElementException	Exception thrown when there has been an attempt to access an element of a container that does not exist, and cannot be created on demand	61
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maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >	Class used to store and manage messages sent between factor graph nodes	63
maxsum::util::RefMap< Key, Val >	This class provides a read only wrapper around an existing map, such as that provided by <code>std::map</code>	70
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Chapter 6

Namespace Documentation

6.1 maxsum Namespace Reference

Namespace for all public types and functions defined by the Max-Sum library.

Namespaces

- namespace [util](#)
Utility namespace for types used for maxsum library implementation.

Classes

- class [DiscreteFunction](#)
Class representing functions of sets of variables with discrete domains.
- class [DomainIterator](#)
This class provides methods for iterating over the Cartesian product for a set of variable domains.
- class [NoSuchElementException](#)
Exception thrown when there has been an attempt to access an element of a container that does not exist, and cannot be created on demand.
- class [EmptyNoticeException](#)
Exception thrown by `maxsum::util::PostOffice::popNotice` when there are no active notices.
- class [UnknownAddressException](#)
Exception thrown when a `maxsum::util::PostOffice` does not recognise the ID of a Sender or Receiver.
- class [BadDomainException](#)
Exception thrown when subindices are incorrectly specified for a `maxsum::DiscreteFunction`.
- class [OutOfRangeException](#)
Exception thrown when indices are out of range.
- class [DomainConflictException](#)
Exception thrown when conflicting domains are specified for a variable.
- class [UnknownVariableException](#)
Exception thrown when a variable is referred to, but has not yet been registered using either `maxsum::registerVariable` or `maxsum::registerVariables`.
- class [InconsistentDomainException](#)
Exception thrown when variable domains are somehow registered as inconsistent.
- class [MaxSumController](#)
This class maintains a factor graph and implements the max-sum algorithm.

Typedefs

- typedef double [ValType](#)
Type of values stored by [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects.
- typedef unsigned int [VarID](#)
Type used for uniquely identifying variables.
- typedef unsigned int [FactorID](#)
Type used for uniquely identifying factors in a factor graph.
- typedef int [ValIndex](#)
Integer type used for indexing coefficient values.
- typedef [ValType](#)(* [UnaryScalarOp](#))(const [ValType](#))
Function type for operations applied to function values.
- typedef [ValType](#)(* [DualScalarOp](#))(const [ValType](#), const [ValType](#))
Function type for operations applied to two functions.

Functions

- template<class VecType >
void [ind2sub](#) (const VecType &sz, const typename VecType::value_type ind, VecType &sub)
C++ Implementation of Matlab ind2sub function.
- template<class SizIt, class SubIt >
[ValIndex](#) [sub2ind](#) (SizIt sizFirst, SizIt sizEnd, SubIt subFirst, SubIt subEnd)
C++ Implementation of Matlab sub2ind function.
- template<class VecType >
VecType::value_type [sub2ind](#) (const VecType &sz, const VecType &sub)
C++ Implementation of Matlab sub2ind function.
- std::ostream & [operator<<](#) (std::ostream &out, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &fun)
Pretty prints a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) Format is similar to the disp function in Matlab for N-D arrays, except that first dimension appears in rows rather than columns.
- bool [sameDomain](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f1, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f2)
Check that two [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects have the same domain.
- bool [equalWithinTolerance](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f1, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f2, [ValType](#) tol=DEFAULT_VALUE_TOLERANCE)
Check that two [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects are equal within a specified tolerance.
- bool [strictlyEqualWithinTolerance](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f1, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f2, [ValType](#) tol=DEFAULT_VALUE_TOLERANCE)
Check that two [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects are equal with a specified tolerance, and have exactly the same domain.
- bool [operator==](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f1, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f2)
Return true if functions are equal.
- bool [operator!=](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f1, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f2)
Return true if functions are equal.
- [DiscreteFunction](#) [operator/](#) (const [ValType](#) f1, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f2)
Performs element-wise division of a scalar by a function.
- [DiscreteFunction](#) [operator*](#) (const [ValType](#) f1, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f2)
Performs element-wise multiplication of a scalar by a function.
- [DiscreteFunction](#) [operator+](#) (const [ValType](#) f1, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f2)
Performs element-wise addition of a scalar by a function.
- [DiscreteFunction](#) [operator-](#) (const [ValType](#) f1, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &f2)
Performs element-wise subtraction of a function from a scalar.

- template<class VarIt, class IndIt >
void [condition](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &inFun, [DiscreteFunction](#) &outFun, VarIt vBegin, VarIt vEnd, IndIt iBegin, IndIt iEnd)
Condition function on specified variable values.
- template<class VarMap >
void [condition](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &inFun, [DiscreteFunction](#) &outFun, VarMap vars)
Condition function on specified variable values.
- template<typename F >
void [marginal](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &inFun, F aggregate, [DiscreteFunction](#) &outFun)
Marginalise a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) using a specified aggregation function.
- void [maxMarginal](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &inFun, [DiscreteFunction](#) &outFun)
Marginalise a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) by maximisation.
- void [minMarginal](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &inFun, [DiscreteFunction](#) &outFun)
Marginalise a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) by minimisation.
- void [meanMarginal](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &inFun, [DiscreteFunction](#) &outFun)
Marginalise a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) by averaging.
- template<UnaryScalarOp OP>
[DiscreteFunction](#) [elementWiseOp](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &inFcn)
Template used to generate operations that apply some function to each of a [DiscreteFunction](#)'s values.
- template<DualScalarOp OP>
[DiscreteFunction](#) [elementWiseOp](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &inFcn1, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &inFcn2)
Template used to generate operations that apply some operation to a pair of [DiscreteFunctions](#).
- std::ostream & [operator<<](#) (std::ostream &out, [MaxSumController](#) &controller)
Utility function used to dump the current state of this controller for debugging purposes.
- bool [isRegistered](#) (VarID var)
Returns true if the specified variable is registered.
- template<class VarIt >
bool [allRegistered](#) (VarIt varBegin, VarIt varEnd)
Returns true if all specified variables are registered.
- [ValIndex](#) [getDomainSize](#) (VarID var)
Returns the registered domain size for a specified variable.
- int [getNumOfRegisteredVariables](#) ()
Returns the number of currently registered variables.
- void [registerVariable](#) (VarID var, [ValIndex](#) siz)
Registers a variable with a specified domain size.
- template<class VarIt, class IndIt >
void [registerVariables](#) (VarIt varBegin, VarIt varEnd, IndIt sizBegin, IndIt sizEnd)
Register a list of variables with specified domain sizes.

Variables

- const [ValType](#) [DEFAULT_VALUE_TOLERANCE](#) = DBL_EPSILON * 1000.0
Default tolerance used for comparing values of type [maxsum::ValType](#).

6.1.1 Detailed Description

Namespace for all public types and functions defined by the Max-Sum library.

6.1.2 Typedef Documentation

6.1.2.1 typedef unsigned int maxsum::FactorID

Type used for uniquely identifying factors in a factor graph.

This is purposely an integer type, because we want this to be efficient for storing and passing between functions. Note: bitwise operations can be used in some addressing schemes, e.g. something like IP addresses.

See Also

[maxsum::VarID](#)

6.1.2.2 typedef int maxsum::ValIndex

Integer type used for indexing coefficient values.

This is the value type for all variables that are referenced and identified using [maxsum::VarID](#). In particular, if a value of type [maxsum::ValIndex](#) is specified for each variable in a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) object's domain, then exactly one value of type [maxsum::ValType](#) will be returned by element accessor functions, such as [maxsum::DiscreteFunction::at](#)

6.1.2.3 typedef double maxsum::ValType

Type of values stored by [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects.

This is, this type is used to represent the codomain of mathematical functions represented by [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects.

See Also

[maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#)

6.1.2.4 typedef unsigned int maxsum::VarID

Type used for uniquely identifying variables.

This is purposely an integer type, because we want this to be efficient for storing and passing between functions. Note: bitwise operations can be used in some addressing schemes, e.g. something like IP addresses.

See Also

[maxsum::FactorID](#)

6.1.3 Function Documentation

6.1.3.1 template<class VarIt > bool maxsum::allRegistered (VarIt varBegin, VarIt varEnd)

Returns true if all specified variables are registered.

Parameters are iterators over a list of variable ids of type [maxsum::VarID](#).

Parameters

<i>varBegin</i>	iterator to beginning of variable list.
<i>varEnd</i>	iterator to end of variable list.

Returns

true if all registered, false otherwise.

6.1.3.2 `template<class VarIt , class IndIt > void maxsum::condition (const DiscreteFunction & inFun, DiscreteFunction & outFun, VarIt vBegin, VarIt vEnd, IndIt iBegin, IndIt iEnd)`

Condition function on specified variable values.

Changes a function so that it does not depend on any of the variables in the list specified by *varBegin* and *varEnd*, by conditioning these variables on a corresponding list of values.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>inFun</i>	the function to condition
<i>out</i>	<i>outFun</i>	function in which to store result.
<i>in</i>	<i>vBegin</i>	iterator to start of variable list.
<i>in</i>	<i>vEnd</i>	iterator to end of variable list.
<i>in</i>	<i>iBegin</i>	iterator to start of value list.
<i>in</i>	<i>iEnd</i>	iterator to end of value list.

Precondition

parameters must be iterators over *sorted* lists.

Postcondition

Previous value of condition will be overwritten, and replaced with the conditioned values from *inFun*.

6.1.3.3 `template<class VarMap > void maxsum::condition (const DiscreteFunction & inFun, DiscreteFunction & outFun, VarMap vars)`

Condition function on specified variable values.

Changes a function so that it does not depend on any of the variables in the key set of the *vars* argument, by conditioning these variables on the values specified in *vars*.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>inFun</i>	the function to condition
<i>out</i>	<i>outFun</i>	function in which to store result.
<i>in</i>	<i>vars</i>	maps conditioned vars to their assigned values.

Postcondition

Previous value of condition will be overwritten, and replaced with the conditioned values from *inFun*.

6.1.3.4 `bool maxsum::equalWithinTolerance (const DiscreteFunction & f1, const DiscreteFunction & f2, ValType tol = DEFAULT_VALUE_TOLERANCE)`

Check that two [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects are equal within a specified tolerance.

This function returns true if and only if, for all *k*:

$$-tol < 1-f1(k)/f2(k) < tol$$

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>f1</i>	First function to compare
<i>in</i>	<i>f2</i>	Second function to compare
<i>in</i>	<i>tol</i>	tolerance used for comparing values

See Also

[maxsum::DEFAULT_VALUE_TOLERANCE](#)

6.1.3.5 maxsum::ValIndex maxsum::getDomainSize (VarID *var*)

Returns the registered domain size for a specified variable.

Returns the domain size for a specified variable.

Parameters

<i>var</i>	id of the variable to search for.
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Returns

domain size of *var*

Exceptions

UnknownVariableException	if the variable is not registered.
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Parameters

<i>var</i>	id of the variable to search for.
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Returns

domain size of *var*

Exceptions

UnknownVariableException	if variable is not registered.
--	--------------------------------

6.1.3.6 int maxsum::getNumOfRegisteredVariables ()

Returns the number of currently registered variables.

Returns

the number of currently registered variables.

6.1.3.7 template<class VecType > void maxsum::ind2sub (const VecType & *siz*, const typename VecType::value_type *ind*, VecType & *sub*)

C++ Implementation of Matlab ind2sub function.

Main difference here is that indices start from 0. In the special case where *siz* is empty, *ind* will also be empty.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>siz</i>	of N-D array
<i>in</i>	<i>ind</i>	linear index
<i>out</i>	<i>sub</i>	vector in which we will put the sub indices.

Postcondition

previous contents of sub will be overwritten.

6.1.3.8 bool maxsum::isRegistered (VarID var)

Returns true if the specified variable is registered.

Parameters

<i>var</i>	id of the variable to search for.
------------	-----------------------------------

Returns

true if the specified variable is registered.
true if the specified variable is registered.

6.1.3.9 template<typename F > void maxsum::marginal (const DiscreteFunction & inFun, F aggregate, DiscreteFunction & outFun)

Marginalise a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) using a specified aggregation function.

This function reduces the domain of *inFun* to that of *outFun* and stores the result in *outFun*. This is done by aggregating over all variables that are in the domain of *inFun*, but not in the domain of *outFun*.

Aggregation is performed by a functor or function pointer, *aggregate*, which is passed as a template parameter. *aggregate* should be defined such that, in the code below, *z* is the aggregation of the function values *x* and *y*.

```
ValType x = inFun(k);
ValType y = inFun(t);
ValType z = aggregate(x,y); // result = aggregate(prevResult,nextVal)
```

Note that *aggregate* may be a function pointer, or any other object for which the above syntax is valid, such as a class instance that overloads the *()* operator, which may depend some internal state. The first argument to *aggregate* should always be the previous estimate, while the second is always the next value to be aggregated.

Various specialisations of this function are provided by [maxsum::maxMarginal\(\)](#), [maxsum::minMarginal\(\)](#), [maxsum::meanMarginal\(\)](#).

In the special case where the domain of *outFun* is equal to the domain of *inFun*, *outFun* becomes a copy of *inFun*

Precondition

aggregate is a functor with signature `ValType aggregate(ValType prevResult, ValType nextVal)`
variables in domain of *outFun* are a subset of variables in *inFun*.

Postcondition

previous content of *outFun* is overwritten.
The domains of *outFun* and *inFun* remain unchanged.

Template Parameters

<i>F</i>	type of parameter aggregate.
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Parameters

in	<i>inFun</i>	function to marginalise
in	<i>aggregate</i>	functor or function pointer used to aggregate results.
out	<i>outFun</i>	maxsum::DiscreteFunction in which to store result.

Exceptions

maxsum::BadDomain-Exception	is the domain of outFun is not a subset of inFun.
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See Also

[maxsum::maxMarginal\(\)](#)
[maxsum::minMarginal\(\)](#)
[maxsum::meanMarginal\(\)](#)

6.1.3.10 void maxsum::maxMarginal (const DiscreteFunction & *inFun*, DiscreteFunction & *outFun*)

Marginalise a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) by maximisation.

This function reduces the domain of inFun to that of outFun by maximisation, and stores the result in outFun. This behaviour is equivalent to maxsum::marginal(inFun,std::max<ValType>,outFun).

Precondition

variables in domain of outFun are a subset of variables in inFun.

Postcondition

previous content of outFun is overwritten.
The domains of outFun and inFun remain unchanged.

Parameters

in	<i>inFun</i>	function to marginalise
out	<i>outFun</i>	maxsum::DiscreteFunction in which to store result.

Exceptions

maxsum::BadDomain-Exception	is the domain of outFun is not a subset of inFun.
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See Also

[maxsum::marginal\(\)](#)
[maxsum::minMarginal\(\)](#)
[maxsum::meanMarginal\(\)](#)

6.1.3.11 void maxsum::meanMarginal (const DiscreteFunction & *inFun*, DiscreteFunction & *outFun*)

Marginalise a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) by averaging.

This function reduces the domain of *inFun* to that of *outFun* by averaging, and stores the result in *outFun*.

Precondition

variables in domain of *outFun* are a subset of variables in *inFun*.

Postcondition

previous content of *outFun* is overwritten.

The domains of *outFun* and *inFun* remain unchanged.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>inFun</i>	function to marginalise
<i>out</i>	<i>outFun</i>	maxsum::DiscreteFunction in which to store result.

Exceptions

maxsum::BadDomain-Exception	is the domain of <i>outFun</i> is not a subset of <i>inFun</i> .
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See Also

[maxsum::marginal\(\)](#)
[maxsum::minMarginal\(\)](#)
[maxsum::maxMarginal\(\)](#)

6.1.3.12 void maxsum::minMarginal (const DiscreteFunction & *inFun*, DiscreteFunction & *outFun*)

Marginalise a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) by minimisation.

Marginal a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) by minimisation.

This function reduces the domain of *inFun* to that of *outFun* by minimisation, and stores the result in *outFun*. This behaviour is equivalent to `maxsum::marginal(inFun,std::min<ValType>,outFun)`.

Precondition

variables in domain of *outFun* are a subset of variables in *inFun*.

Postcondition

previous content of *outFun* is overwritten.

The domains of *outFun* and *inFun* remain unchanged.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>inFun</i>	function to marginalise
<i>out</i>	<i>outFun</i>	maxsum::DiscreteFunction in which to store result.

Exceptions

<code>maxsum::BadDomain-Exception</code>	is the domain of outFun is not a subset of inFun.
--	---

See Also

[`maxsum::marginal\(\)`](#)
[`maxsum::maxMarginal\(\)`](#)
[`maxsum::meanMarginal\(\)`](#)

This function reduces the domain of inFun to that of outFun by minimisation, and stores the result in outFun. This behaviour is equivalent to `maxsum::marginal(inFun,std::min<ValType>,outFun)`.

Precondition

variables in domain of outFun are a subset of variables in inFun.

Postcondition

previous content of outFun is overwritten.
The domains of outFun and inFun remain unchanged.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<i>inFun</i>	function to marginalise
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Exceptions

<code>maxsum::BadDomain-Exception</code>	is the domain of outFun is not a subset of inFun.
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Parameters

<code>out</code>	<i>outFun</i>	<code>maxsum::DiscreteFunction</code> in which to store result.
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See Also

[`maxsum::marginal\(\)`](#)
[`maxsum::maxMarginal\(\)`](#)
[`maxsum::meanMarginal\(\)`](#)

6.1.3.13 `bool maxsum::operator!=(const DiscreteFunction & f1, const DiscreteFunction & f2)` `[inline]`

Return true if functions are equal.

Two functions are equal if they have the same value over the cartesian product of their domains.

6.1.3.14 `std::ostream & maxsum::operator<< (std::ostream & out, const DiscreteFunction & fun)`

Pretty prints a [`maxsum::DiscreteFunction`](#) Format is similar to the disp function in Matlab for N-D arrays, except that first dimension appears in rows rather than columns.

Pretty prints a [`maxsum::DiscreteFunction`](#).

Pretty prints this function.

Format is similar to the disp function in Matlab for N-D arrays, except that first dimension appears in rows rather than columns.

6.1.3.15 `bool maxsum::operator==(const DiscreteFunction & f1, const DiscreteFunction & f2)` `[inline]`

Return true if functions are equal.

Two functions are equal if they have the same value over the cartesian product of their domains.

6.1.3.16 `void maxsum::registerVariable (VarID var, ValIndex siz)`

Registers a variable with a specified domain size.

Puts the specified variable in a global register, and stores its domain size. Variables can be registered multiple times, but their domain size must never change.

Exceptions

<i>InconsistentDomain-Exception</i>	if this variable is already registered, but with a different domain size.
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Parameters

<i>var</i>	the unique id of this variable
<i>siz</i>	the domain size of this variable

See Also

[maxsum::registerVariables](#)

Put the specified variable in a global register, and stores its domain size. Variables can be registered multiple times, but their domain size must never change.

Exceptions

<i>InconsistentDomain-Exception</i>	if this variable is already registered, but with a different domain size.
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Parameters

<i>var</i>	the unique id of this variable
<i>siz</i>	the domain size of this variable

6.1.3.17 `template<class VarIt , class IndIt > void maxsum::registerVariables (VarIt varBegin, VarIt varEnd, IndIt sizBegin, IndIt sizEnd)`

Register a list of variables with specified domain sizes.

This works in the same way as [maxsum::registerVariable](#) - but does so for multiple variables at a time. The parameters *varBegin* and *varEnd* are iterators to the beginning and end of a list of variable ids, while *sizBegin* and *sizEnd* specify the start and end of a list of their respective domain sizes. Both lists must be ordered such that the *k*th element of the size list is the domain size for the *k*th variable in the variable list.

Parameters

<i>varBegin</i>	iterator to the start of a list of maxsum::VarID
<i>varEnd</i>	iterator to the end of a list of maxsum::VarID

<i>sizBegin</i>	iterator to the start of a list of maxsum::ValIndex
<i>sizEnd</i>	iterator to the start of a list of maxsum::ValIndex

See Also

[maxsum::registerVariable](#)

6.1.3.18 bool maxsum::sameDomain (const DiscreteFunction & f1, const DiscreteFunction & f2)

Check that two [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects have the same domain.

Two functions have the same domain, if they depend on the same set of variables.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>f1</i>	First function to compare
<i>in</i>	<i>f2</i>	Second functions to compare

Returns

true if both function have the same domain.

6.1.3.19 bool maxsum::strictlyEqualWithinTolerance (const DiscreteFunction & f1, const DiscreteFunction & f2, ValType tol = DEFAULT_VALUE_TOLERANCE)

Check that two [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects are equal with a specified tolerance, and have exactly the same domain.

This function returns true if and only if:

```
true == sameDomain(f1,f2) && equalWithinTolerance(f1,f2,tol)
```

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>f1</i>	First function to compare
<i>in</i>	<i>f2</i>	Second function to compare
<i>in</i>	<i>tol</i>	tolerance used for comparing values

See Also

[maxsum::DEFAULT_VALUE_TOLERANCE](#)

6.1.3.20 template<class SizIt , class SubIt > ValIndex maxsum::sub2ind (SizIt sizFirst, SizIt sizEnd, SubIt subFirst, SubIt subEnd)

C++ Implementation of Matlab sub2ind function.

Main difference here is that indices start from 0.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>sizFirst</i>	iterator to first element of size array.
<i>in</i>	<i>sizEnd</i>	iterator to end element of size array.
<i>in</i>	<i>subFirst</i>	iterator to first element of subindex array.
<i>in</i>	<i>subEnd</i>	iterator to first element of subindex array.

Returns

linear index

6.1.3.21 `template<class VecType > VecType::value_type maxsum::sub2ind (const VecType & siz, const VecType & sub)`

C++ Implementation of Matlab sub2ind function.

Main difference here is that indices start from 0.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>siz</code>	of N-D array
<code>in</code>	<code>sub</code>	empty vector in which we will put the sub indices.

Returns

linear index

6.1.4 Variable Documentation

6.1.4.1 `const ValType maxsum::DEFAULT_VALUE_TOLERANCE = DBL_EPSILON * 1000.0`

Default tolerance used for comparing values of type [maxsum::ValType](#).

This is the default value used by the [maxsum::equalWithinTolerance](#) function, when comparing to [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects for equality. Note, if ValType is ever redefined, then this value should be changed appropriately also.

See Also

[maxsum::equalWithinTolerance](#)

6.2 maxsum::util Namespace Reference

Utility namespace for types used for maxsum library implementation.

Classes

- class [PostOffice](#)
Class used to store and manage messages sent between factor graph nodes.
- class [KeySet](#)
Utility class for presenting the keys of a map in a read-only container.
- class [RefMap](#)
This class provides a read only wrapper around an existing map, such as that provided by std::map.

Typedefs

- typedef [PostOffice](#)< [VarID](#), [FactorID](#) > [V2FPostOffice](#)
Convenience typedef for Variable to Factor PostOffices.
- typedef [PostOffice](#)< [FactorID](#), [VarID](#) > [F2VPostOffice](#)
Convenience typedef for Factor to Variable PostOffices.

- typedef `PostOffice` < `FactorID`,
`FactorID` > `F2FPostOffice`

Convenience typedef for Factor to Factor PostOffices.

6.2.1 Detailed Description

Utility namespace for types used for maxsum library implementation. The contents of this namespace are not intended to form part of the external interface to the maxsum library, and can be safely ignored by third party developers.

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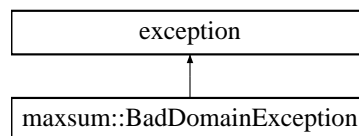
Class Documentation

7.1 maxsum::BadDomainException Class Reference

Exception thrown when subindices are incorrectly specified for a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#).

```
#include <exceptions.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for maxsum::BadDomainException:



Public Member Functions

- [BadDomainException](#) (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw ()
Constructs a new exception with specified location and message.
- const char * [what](#) () const throw ()
Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.
- virtual [~BadDomainException](#) () throw ()
Destroys this exception and free's its allocated resources.

Protected Attributes

- const std::string [where](#)
String identifying the source code location where this exception was generated.
- const std::string [mesg](#)
Message describing the cause of this exception.

7.1.1 Detailed Description

Exception thrown when subindices are incorrectly specified for a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#).

7.1.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.1.2.1 `maxsum::BadDomainException::BadDomainException (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw ()` `[inline]`

Constructs a new exception with specified location and message.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code><i>where_</i></code>	the source code location where this exception was generated.
<code>in</code>	<code><i>mesg_</i></code>	Message describing the reason for this exception.

7.1.3 Member Function Documentation

7.1.3.1 `const char* maxsum::BadDomainException::what () const throw ()` `[inline]`

Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

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The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

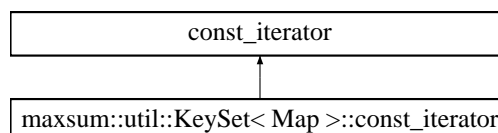
- [include/exceptions.h](#)

7.2 maxsum::util::KeySet< Map >::const_iterator Class Reference

Iterator type that allows read-only access to the keys of the underlying map.

```
#include <util_containers.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for maxsum::util::KeySet< Map >::const_iterator:



Public Member Functions

- [const_iterator](#) (typename Map::const_iterator it)
Constructs a new [KeySet](#) iterator from a map iterator.
- `const KeySet::value_type & operator* () const`
Overrides dereference operator so that a direct reference to the Map key is returned.

7.2.1 Detailed Description

```
template<class Map>class maxsum::util::KeySet< Map >::const_iterator
```

Iterator type that allows read-only access to the keys of the underlying map.

This is achieved by overriding the map iterator's own dereferencing operator, so that only a constant reference to the key is returned.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [include/util_containers.h](#)

7.3 maxsum::DiscreteFunction Class Reference

Class representing functions of sets of variables with discrete domains.

```
#include <DiscreteFunction.h>
```

Public Types

- `typedef std::vector< VarID > ::const_iterator VarIterator`
Type of iterator returned by [DiscreteFunction::varBegin\(\)](#) and [DiscreteFunction::varEnd\(\)](#) functions.
- `typedef std::vector< ValIndex > ::const_iterator SizeIterator`
Type of iterator returned by [DiscreteFunction::sizeBegin\(\)](#) and [DiscreteFunction::sizeEnd\(\)](#) functions.

Public Member Functions

- [DiscreteFunction](#) ([ValType](#) val=0)
Default Constructor creates constant function that depends on no variables.
- `template<class VarIt >`
[DiscreteFunction](#) (VarIt begin, VarIt end, [ValType](#) val=0)
Constructs function depending on specified variables.
- [DiscreteFunction](#) ([VarID](#) var, [ValType](#) val)
Constructs a function that depends on only one variable.
- [DiscreteFunction](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &val)
Copy Constructor performs deep copy.
- [ValIndex](#) domainSize () const
Accessor method for the total size this function's domain.
- bool dependsOn ([VarID](#) var) const
Returns true if this function depends on the specified variable.
- [VarIterator](#) varBegin () const
Returns an iterator to the start of this function's domain variable list.
- [VarIterator](#) varEnd () const
Returns an iterator to the end of this function's domain variable list.
- [SizeIterator](#) sizeBegin () const
Returns an iterator to the start of this function's domain variable size list.
- [SizeIterator](#) sizeEnd () const
Returns an iterator to the end of this function's domain variable size list.
- int noVars () const
Returns the number of variables on which this function depends.
- [DiscreteFunction](#) & operator= ([ValType](#) val)
Sets this function to a constant scalar value.
- [DiscreteFunction](#) & operator= (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &val)
Sets this function to be equal to another.
- [DiscreteFunction](#) & operator+= ([ValType](#) val)
Adds a scalar value to this function.
- [DiscreteFunction](#) & operator-= ([ValType](#) val)

- Subtracts a scalar value from this function.*

 - [DiscreteFunction](#) & [operator*=](#) ([ValType](#) val)

Multiplies this function by a scalar.

 - [DiscreteFunction](#) & [operator/=](#) ([ValType](#) val)

Divides this function by a scalar.

 - [DiscreteFunction](#) [operator-](#) ()

Multiplies function by -1.

 - [DiscreteFunction](#) & [operator+](#) ()

Identity function.

 - [DiscreteFunction](#) & [operator+=](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &rhs)

Adds a function to this one, expanding the domain if necessary.

 - [DiscreteFunction](#) & [operator-=](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &rhs)

Subtracts a function from this one, expanding domain if necessary.

 - [DiscreteFunction](#) & [operator*=](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &rhs)

Multiplies this function by another, expanding domain if necessary.

 - [DiscreteFunction](#) & [operator/=](#) (const [DiscreteFunction](#) &rhs)

Divides this function by another, expanding domain if necessary.

 - template<class T >
[DiscreteFunction](#) [operator-](#) (T rhs) const

Subtract function or scalar.

 - template<class T >
[DiscreteFunction](#) [operator+](#) (T rhs) const

Add function or scalar.

 - template<class T >
[DiscreteFunction](#) [operator*](#) (T rhs) const

Multiply function or scalar.

 - template<class T >
[DiscreteFunction](#) [operator/](#) (T rhs) const

Divide function by function or scalar.

 - template<class VecIt >
[DiscreteFunction](#) & [add](#) (VecIt begin, VecIt end)

Adds a list of Functions to this one, expanding the domain if necessary.

 - [ValType](#) & [operator\(\)](#) ([ValIndex](#) ind)

Access coefficient using linear index.

 - const [ValType](#) & [operator\(\)](#) ([ValIndex](#) ind) const

Access coefficient using linear index.

 - [ValType](#) & [operator\(\)](#) ([ValIndex](#) ind1, [ValIndex](#) ind2,...)

Access coefficient using subindices specified in argument list.

 - const [ValType](#) & [operator\(\)](#) ([ValIndex](#) ind1, [ValIndex](#) ind2,...) const

Access coefficient using subindices specified in argument list.

 - [ValType](#) & [at](#) ([ValIndex](#) ind)

Access coefficient using scalar index.

 - const [ValType](#) & [at](#) ([ValIndex](#) ind) const

Access coefficient using scalar index.

 - [ValType](#) & [at](#) ([ValIndex](#) ind1, [ValIndex](#) ind2,...)

Access coefficient using subindices specified as arguments This is equivalent to [DiscreteFunction::operator\(\)](#) but is more convenient when for use with pointers e.g.

 - const [ValType](#) & [at](#) ([ValIndex](#) ind1, [ValIndex](#) ind2,...) const

Access coefficient using subindices specified as arguments This is equivalent to [DiscreteFunction::operator\(\)](#) but is more convenient when for use with pointers e.g.

 - template<class IndIt >
[ValType](#) & [operator\(\)](#) (IndIt begin, IndIt end)

- Access coefficient by subindices.*

 - `template<class IndIt >`
`const ValType & operator() (IndIt begin, IndIt end) const`
Access coefficient by subindices.
 - `template<class VarIt , class IndIt >`
`ValType & operator() (VarIt varBegin, VarIt varEnd, IndIt indBegin, IndIt indEnd)`
Access coefficient by subindices for specified variables.
 - `template<class VarIt , class IndIt >`
`const ValType & operator() (VarIt varBegin, VarIt varEnd, IndIt indBegin, IndIt indEnd) const`
Access coefficient by subindices for specified variables.
 - `template<class VarVec , class IndVec >`
`ValType & operator() (VarVec var, IndVec ind)`
Access coefficient by subindices for specified variables.
 - `template<class VarVec , class IndVec >`
`const ValType & operator() (VarVec var, IndVec ind) const`
Access coefficient by subindices for specified variables.
 - `template<class VarMap >`
`ValType & operator() (const VarMap &vals)`
Access coefficient by subindices specified in variable map.
 - `template<class VarMap >`
`const ValType & operator() (const VarMap &vals) const`
Access coefficient by subindices specified in variable map.
 - `ValType & operator() (const DomainIterator &it)`
Access coefficient by subindices specified by the current indices specified by a [maxsum::DomainIterator](#).
 - `const ValType & operator() (const DomainIterator &it) const`
Access coefficient by subindices specified by the current indices specified by a [maxsum::DomainIterator](#).
 - `void swap (DiscreteFunction &fun)`
Swaps the value and domain of this function with another.
 - `template<class VarInd >`
`void expand (VarInd begin, VarInd end)`
Make this function depend on additional variables.
 - `void expand (const VarID var)`
Expand the domain of this function to include a named variable.
 - `void expand (const DiscreteFunction &fun)`
Make the domain of this function include the domain of another.
 - `template<class VarIt , class IndIt >`
`void condition (VarIt vBegin, VarIt vEnd, IndIt iBegin, IndIt iEnd)`
Condition function on specified variable values.
 - `ValType min () const`
Returns the minimum scalar value of the function across entire domain.
 - `ValType max () const`
Returns the maximum scalar value for function across entire domain.
 - `ValIndex argmax () const`
Returns the linear index of the maximum value accross entire domain.
 - `ValType maxnorm () const`
Returns the maxnorm for this function.
 - `ValType mean () const`
Returns the mean scalar value for function across entire domain.

Friends

- `std::ostream & operator<< (std::ostream &out, const DiscreteFunction &fun)`
Pretty prints this function.

7.3.1 Detailed Description

Class representing functions of sets of variables with discrete domains.

Template Parameters

<i>ValType</i>	the scalar type of value returned by this function. We expect this to be a primitive numeric type, such as double or int.
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7.3.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.3.2.1 `maxsum::DiscreteFunction::DiscreteFunction (ValType val = 0) [inline]`

Default Constructor creates constant function that depends on no variables.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>val</i>	the constant scalar value of this function.
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7.3.2.2 `template<class VarIt > maxsum::DiscreteFunction::DiscreteFunction (VarIt begin, VarIt end, ValType val = 0) [inline]`

Constructs function depending on specified variables.

When passing variable ids, we assume that the list is unique and sorted. Initially, for any input the function returns the value of the *val* parameter, which defaults to zero.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>begin</i>	Iterator to start of variable list.
<i>in</i>	<i>end</i>	Iterator to end of variable list.
<i>in</i>	<i>val</i>	initial scalar value output for function.

Exceptions

<i>UnknownVariableException</i>	if any variable in the list specified by <i>begin</i> and <i>end</i> is not registered.
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7.3.2.3 `maxsum::DiscreteFunction::DiscreteFunction (VarID var, ValType val) [inline]`

Constructs a function that depends on only one variable.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>var</i>	the variable to put in this function's domain.
<i>in</i>	<i>val</i>	scalar value used to initialise function across domain.

Postcondition

$$\forall k \ f(k) = val$$

Exceptions

<i>UnknownVariableException</i>	if <i>var</i> is not registered.
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7.3.2.4 maxsum::DiscreteFunction::DiscreteFunction (const DiscreteFunction & val) [inline]

Copy Constructor performs deep copy.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>val</i>	the object to copy.
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7.3.3 Member Function Documentation**7.3.3.1 template<class VecIt > DiscreteFunction& maxsum::DiscreteFunction::add (VecIt begin, VecIt end) [inline]**

Adds a list of Functions to this one, expanding the domain if necessary.

The result is $this + \sum_k func[k]$

Returns

reference to this function.

7.3.3.2 ValType& maxsum::DiscreteFunction::at (ValIndex ind) [inline]

Access coefficient using scalar index.

This is equivalent to [DiscreteFunction::operator\(\)\(maxsum::ValIndex ind\)](#) but is more convenient when for use with pointers e.g.

```
x->(k); // illegal
x->at(k); // ok
```

See Also

[DiscreteFunction::operator\(\)\(maxsum::ValIndex ind\)](#)

7.3.3.3 const ValType& maxsum::DiscreteFunction::at (ValIndex ind) const [inline]

Access coefficient using scalar index.

This is equivalent to [DiscreteFunction::operator\(\)\(maxsum::ValIndex ind\) const](#) but is more convenient when for use with pointers e.g.

```
x->(k); // illegal
x->at(k); // ok
```

See Also

[DiscreteFunction::operator\(\)\(maxsum::ValIndex ind\) const](#)

7.3.3.4 ValType & DiscreteFunction::at (ValIndex ind1, ValIndex ind2, ...)

Access coefficient using subindices specified as arguments This is equivalent to [DiscreteFunction::operator\(\)](#) but is more convenient when for use with pointers e.g.

```
x->(k); // illegal
x->at(k); // ok
```

See Also

`DiscreteFunction::operator()`

```
x->(k); // illegal
x->at(k); // ok
```

See Also

`DiscreteFunction::operator()`

7.3.3.5 const ValType & DiscreteFunction::at (ValIndex ind1, ValIndex ind2, ...) const

Access coefficient using subindices specified as arguments This is equivalent to `DiscreteFunction::operator()` but is more convenient when for use with pointers e.g.

```
x->(k); // illegal
x->at(k); // ok
```

See Also

`DiscreteFunction::operator()`

```
x->(k); // illegal
x->at(k); // ok
```

See Also

`DiscreteFunction::operator()`

7.3.3.6 template<class VarIt , class IndIt > void maxsum::DiscreteFunction::condition (VarIt vBegin, VarIt vEnd, IndIt iBegin, IndIt iEnd) [inline]

Condition function on specified variable values.

Changes this function so that it does not depend on any of the variables in the list specified by `varBegin` and `varEnd`, by conditioning this variables on a corresponding list of values.

Parameters

in	<i>vBegin</i>	iterator to start of variable list.
in	<i>vEnd</i>	iterator to end of variable list.
in	<i>iBegin</i>	iterator to start of value list.
in	<i>iEnd</i>	iterator to end of value list.

Precondition

parameters must be iterators over *sorted* lists.

Postcondition

After calling this method, this [DiscreteFunction](#) will not depend on any of the variables in the list specified by `varBegin` and `varEnd`.

7.3.3.7 `bool DiscreteFunction::dependsOn (VarID var) const`

Returns true if this function depends on the specified variable.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>var</code>	The id of the variable to search for in this function's domain.
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Returns

true if `var` is in this function's domain.

7.3.3.8 `template<class VarInd > void maxsum::DiscreteFunction::expand (VarInd begin, VarInd end) [inline]`

Make this function depend on additional variables.

If necessary, the domain of this function is expanded to include the specified list of variables.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>begin</code>	iterator to first variable to add
<code>in</code>	<code>end</code>	iterator to end of list of variables.

7.3.3.9 `void DiscreteFunction::expand (const VarID var)`

Expand the domain of this function to include a named variable.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>var</code>	the id of the variable to add to this function's domain.
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Postcondition

The domain of this function is the union of its previous domain, and the additional specified variable.

7.3.3.10 `void DiscreteFunction::expand (const DiscreteFunction & fun)`

Make the domain of this function include the domain of another.

If necessary, the domain of this function is expanded to include the domain of the parameter fun.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>fun</code>	function whose domain we want to expand to.
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Postcondition

domain of this is union of its previous domain, with that of fun.

If necessary, the domain of this function is expanded to include the domain of the parameter fun.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>fun</code>	function whose domain we want to expand to.
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Postcondition

domain of this is union of its previous domain, with that of fun.

7.3.3.11 ValType DiscreteFunction::maxnorm () const

Returns the maxnorm for this function.

The maxnorm is defined as the maximum absolute value of the function:

$$\|f(k)\|_{\infty} = \max_k |f(k)|$$

7.3.3.12 ValType DiscreteFunction::min () const

Returns the minimum scalar value of the function across entire domain.

Returns the maximum scalar value for function across entire domain.

7.3.3.13 ValType & DiscreteFunction::operator() (ValIndex ind1, ValIndex ind2, ...)

Access coefficient using subindices specified in argument list.

Number of arguments needs to match the number of variables in this function's domain, otherwise bad things will happen.

7.3.3.14 template<class VarIt , class IndIt > ValType& maxsum::DiscreteFunction::operator() (VarIt varBegin, VarIt varEnd, IndIt indBegin, IndIt indEnd) [inline]

Access coefficient by subindices for specified variables.

Specified variables must be superset of variables on which this function depends.

7.3.3.15 template<class VarIt , class IndIt > const ValType& maxsum::DiscreteFunction::operator() (VarIt varBegin, VarIt varEnd, IndIt indBegin, IndIt indEnd) const [inline]

Access coefficient by subindices for specified variables.

Specified variables must be superset of variables on which this function depends.

7.3.3.16 template<class VarVec , class IndVec > ValType& maxsum::DiscreteFunction::operator() (VarVec var, IndVec ind) [inline]

Access coefficient by subindices for specified variables.

Specified variables must be superset of variables on which this function depends.

7.3.3.17 template<class VarVec , class IndVec > const ValType& maxsum::DiscreteFunction::operator() (VarVec var, IndVec ind) const [inline]

Access coefficient by subindices for specified variables.

Specified variables must be superset of variables on which this function depends.

7.3.3.18 `template<class VarMap > ValType& maxsum::DiscreteFunction::operator() (const VarMap & vals) [inline]`

Access coefficient by subindices specified in variable map.

Specified variables must be superset of variables on which this function depends. The specified map must be sorted.

Parameters

<i>vals</i>	map of VarID (variables) to ValIndex (values)
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Precondition

iterators over vals must return pairs in ascending key order.

7.3.3.19 `template<class VarMap > const ValType& maxsum::DiscreteFunction::operator() (const VarMap & vals) const [inline]`

Access coefficient by subindices specified in variable map.

Specified variables must be superset of variables on which this function depends. The specified map must be sorted.

Parameters

<i>vals</i>	map of VarID (variables) to ValIndex (values)
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Precondition

iterators over vals must return pairs in ascending key order.

7.3.3.20 `ValType & DiscreteFunction::operator() (const DomainIterator & it)`

Access coefficient by subindices specified by the current indices specified by a [maxsum::DomainIterator](#).

Note: this works by accessing [maxsum::DomainIterator::getSubInd\(\)](#) array. If the domain of the [maxsum::DomainIterator](#) exactly matches the domain of this function, then it is more efficient to index using the corresponding linear index instead. That is

```
maxsum::DiscreteFunction f(...); // some function
maxsum::DomainIterator it(f); // iterator over domain of f
maxsum::ValType x = f(it); // this works
maxsum::ValType x = f(it.getInd()); // more efficient in this case.
```

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>it</i>	Iterator used to index this function.
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See Also

[maxsum::DomainIterator::getSubInd\(\)](#)
[maxsum::DomainIterator::getInd\(\)](#)

Note: this works by accessing [maxsum::DomainIterator::getSubInd\(\)](#) array. If the domain of the [maxsum::DomainIterator](#) exactly matches the domain of this function, then it is more efficient to index using the corresponding linear index instead. That is

```
maxsum::DiscreteFunction f(...); // some function maxsum::DomainIterator
```

```
it(f); // iterator over domain of f
maxsum::ValType x = f(it); // this works
maxsum::ValType x = f(it.getInd()); // more efficient in this case.
```

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>it</code>	Iterator used to index this function.
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See Also

[maxsum::DomainIterator::getSubInd\(\)](#)
[maxsum::DomainIterator::getInd\(\)](#)

7.3.3.21 const ValType & DiscreteFunction::operator()(const DomainIterator & it) const

Access coefficient by subindices specified by the current indices specified by a [maxsum::DomainIterator](#).

Note: this works by accessing [maxsum::DomainIterator::getSubInd\(\)](#) array. If the domain of the [maxsum::DomainIterator](#) exactly matches the domain of this function, then it is more efficient to index using the corresponding linear index instead. That is

```
maxsum::DiscreteFunction f(...); // some function
maxsum::DomainIterator it(f); // iterator over domain of f
maxsum::ValType x = f(it); // this works
maxsum::ValType x = f(it.getInd()); // more efficient in this case.
```

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>it</code>	Iterator used to index this function.
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See Also

[maxsum::DomainIterator::getSubInd\(\)](#)
[maxsum::DomainIterator::getInd\(\)](#)

Note: this works by accessing [maxsum::DomainIterator::getSubInd\(\)](#) array. If the domain of the [maxsum::DomainIterator](#) exactly matches the domain of this function, then it is more efficient to index using the corresponding linear index instead. That is

```
maxsum::DiscreteFunction f(...); // some function
maxsum::DomainIterator it(f); // iterator over domain of f
maxsum::ValType x = f(it); // this works
maxsum::ValType x = f(it.getInd()); // more efficient in this case.
```

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>it</code>	Iterator used to index this function.
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See Also

[maxsum::DomainIterator::getSubInd\(\)](#)
[maxsum::DomainIterator::getInd\(\)](#)

7.3.3.22 DiscreteFunction& maxsum::DiscreteFunction::operator+() [inline]

Identity function.

Returns

a reference to this function.

7.3.3.23 DiscreteFunction & DiscreteFunction::operator= (ValType val)

Sets this function to a constant scalar value.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>val</i>	the value to assign to this function.
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7.3.3.24 DiscreteFunction & DiscreteFunction::operator= (const DiscreteFunction & val)

Sets this function to be equal to another.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>val</i>	the value to assign to this function.
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7.3.3.25 SizerIterator maxsum::DiscreteFunction::sizeBegin () const [inline]

Returns an iterator to the start of this function's domain variable size list.

This list cannot be modified through this iterator. The values in this list are defined such that size[k] = maxsum::getDomainSize(var[k]); However, this method is generally faster than using [maxsum::getDomainSize\(\)](#) directly.

See Also

[maxsum::getDomainSize\(\)](#)
[DiscreteFunction::sizeEnd\(\)](#)

7.3.3.26 SizerIterator maxsum::DiscreteFunction::sizeEnd () const [inline]

Returns an iterator to the end of this function's domain variable size list.

This list cannot be modified through this iterator. The values in this list are defined such that size[k] = maxsum::getDomainSize(var[k]); However, this method is generally faster than using [maxsum::getDomainSize\(\)](#) directly.

See Also

[maxsum::getDomainSize\(\)](#)
[DiscreteFunction::sizeBegin\(\)](#)

7.3.3.27 void DiscreteFunction::swap (DiscreteFunction & fun)

Swaps the value and domain of this function with another.

After the call to this member function, the elements in this function are those which were in fun before the call, and the elements of fun are those which were in this.

Parameters

<i>fun</i>	Another DiscreteFunction whose value and domain is swapped with that of this one.
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7.3.3.28 VarIterator maxsum::DiscreteFunction::varBegin () const [inline]

Returns an iterator to the start of this function's domain variable list.

The variable list cannot be modified through this iterator.

7.3.3.29 VarIterator maxsum::DiscreteFunction::varEnd () const [inline]

Returns an iterator to the end of this function's domain variable list.

This variable list cannot be modified through this iterator.

7.3.4 Friends And Related Function Documentation

7.3.4.1 std::ostream& operator<< (std::ostream & out, const DiscreteFunction & fun) [friend]

Pretty prints this function.

Format is similar to the disp function in Matlab for N-D arrays, except that first dimension appears in rows rather than columns.

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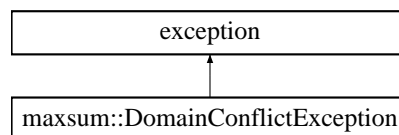
- include/DiscreteFunction.h
- src/DiscreteFunction.cpp

7.4 maxsum::DomainConflictException Class Reference

Exception thrown when conflicting domains are specified for a variable.

```
#include <exceptions.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for maxsum::DomainConflictException:



Public Member Functions

- [DomainConflictException](#) (const std::string where_, const std::string msg_) throw ()
Creates a new exception of this type.
- const char * [what](#) () const throw ()
Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.
- virtual [~DomainConflictException](#) () throw ()
Destroys this exception and free's its allocated resources.

Protected Attributes

- const std::string [where](#)
String identifying the source code location where this exception was generated.
- const std::string [msg](#)
Message describing the cause of this exception.

7.4.1 Detailed Description

Exception thrown when conflicting domains are specified for a variable.

7.4.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.4.2.1 maxsum::DomainConflictException::DomainConflictException (const std::string *where_*, const std::string *mesg_*)
throw () [inline]

Creates a new exception of this type.

Parameters

in	<i>where_</i>	the position in the source code where this was generated.
in	<i>mesg_</i>	message describing the cause of this exception.

7.4.3 Member Function Documentation

7.4.3.1 const char* maxsum::DomainConflictException::what () const throw () [inline]

Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

Returns

a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- include/[exceptions.h](#)

7.5 maxsum::DomainIterator Class Reference

This class provides methods for iterating over the Cartesian product for a set of variable domains.

```
#include <DomainIterator.h>
```

Public Types

- typedef std::vector< [VarID](#) > [VarList](#)
Type of list returned by [DomainIterator::getVars\(\)](#)
- typedef std::vector< [ValIndex](#) > [IndList](#)
Type of list returned by [DomainIterator::getSubInd\(\)](#)

Public Member Functions

- void [validateRange](#) () const
Utility method that throws an exception if we try to access beyond the end of the domain.
- [DomainIterator](#) ()
Default Constructor.
- template<class It >
[DomainIterator](#) (It begin, It end)
Construct Domain iterator with initial list of variables.

- **DomainIterator** (const **DiscreteFunction** &fun)
Construct Domain Iterator using domain of a given function.
- **DomainIterator** (const **DomainIterator** &it)
Copy constructor.
- **DomainIterator** & **operator=** (const **DomainIterator** &it)
Copy assignment.
- bool **hasNext** () const
*Returns true if next call to **DomainIterator::operator++()** will not throw an exception.*
- const **IndList** & **getSubInd** () const
Accessor method for current sub indices.
- **ValIndex** **getInd** () const
Accessor method for linear index.
- const **VarList** & **getVars** () const
Accessor method for variables in domain.
- bool **isFixed** (**VarID** var) const
Returns true if this function is conditioned on the specified variable.
- int **fixedCount** () const
Returns the number of conditioned variables for this function.
- template<class It >
void **addVars** (It begin, It end)
Add the specified variables to the domain of this iterator.
- **DomainIterator** & **operator++** ()
Increment this iterator to the next element in the domain.
- **DomainIterator** **operator++** (int)
Increment this iterator to the next element in the domain.
- template<class VarIt , class IndIt >
void **condition** (const VarIt varBegin, const VarIt varEnd, const IndIt indBegin, const IndIt indEnd)
Condition domain on specified variable values.
- template<class VarMap >
void **condition** (const VarMap &vars)
Condition domain on specified variable values.
- void **condition** (const **DomainIterator** &it)
Convenience function for conditioning one iterator on the current value of another.

7.5.1 Detailed Description

This class provides methods for iterating over the Cartesian product for a set of variable domains.

7.5.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.5.2.1 maxsum::DomainIterator::DomainIterator () [inline]

Default Constructor.

Creates Iterator over empty domain. Unless **DomainIterator::addVars()** is subsequently called **DomainIterator::getVars()** and **DomainIterator::getSubInd()** will return empty lists, and **DomainIterator::operator++()** will throw an exception.

7.5.2.2 `template<class It > maxsum::DomainIterator::DomainIterator (It begin, It end) [inline]`

Construct Domain iterator with initial list of variables.

Template Parameters

<i>type</i>	of list iterator used for arguments
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Parameters

<i>begin</i>	iterator to first variable in list
<i>end</i>	iterator to end of variable list

7.5.2.3 `DomainIterator::DomainIterator (const DiscreteFunction & fun)`

Construct Domain Iterator using domain of a given function.

This is more efficient than creating from scratch.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>fun</i>	Function whose domain should be copied.
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7.5.3 Member Function Documentation

7.5.3.1 `template<class It > void maxsum::DomainIterator::addVars (It begin, It end) [inline]`

Add the specified variables to the domain of this iterator.

Template Parameters

<i>It</i>	iterator type for input variables.
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Parameters

<i>begin</i>	iterator to start of variable list to add.
<i>end</i>	iterator to end of variable list to add.

Postcondition

[DomainIterator::getVars\(\)](#) will return set union of old variable set and input variable set.

[DomainIterator::hasNext\(\)](#) will return true.

Existing conditioned variables will remain conditioned and will have their values preserved. All other variables will have subindex 0.

7.5.3.2 `template<class VarIt , class IndIt > void maxsum::DomainIterator::condition (const VarIt varBegin, const VarIt varEnd, const IndIt indBegin, const IndIt indEnd) [inline]`

Condition domain on specified variable values.

Changes this iterator so that the specified set of variables have fixed values, and are not incremented. The parameters *indBegin* and *indEnd* specify the list of values that the corresponding variables should be set to instead. Any variables pointed to by *varBegin* and *varEnd* that are not in this iterator's domain will be ignored.

Precondition

varBegin and varEnd are iterators to a *sorted* list of [maxsum::VarID](#).
 Values in list specified by indBegin and indEnd must be between 0, and their respective variable domain size.

Postcondition

All free indices are set back to 0, and [DomainIterator::hasNext\(\)](#) returns true.
 Previously conditioned variables have their values perserved.

Exceptions

OutOfRangeException	is specified condition values are out of range.
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Parameters

in	<i>varBegin</i>	iterator to start of variable list.
in	<i>varEnd</i>	iterator to end of variable list.
in	<i>indBegin</i>	iterator to start of value list.
in	<i>indEnd</i>	iterator to end of value list.

7.5.3.3 `template<class VarMap > void maxsum::DomainIterator::condition (const VarMap & vars) [inline]`

Condition domain on specified variable values.

Changes this iterator so that the specified set of variables have fixed values, and are not incremented.

Precondition

Values in vars map must be between 0, and their respective variable domain size.

Postcondition

All free indices are set back to 0, and [DomainIterator::hasNext\(\)](#) returns true.
 Previously conditioned variables have their values perserved.

Exceptions

OutOfRangeException	is specified condition values are out of range.
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Parameters

in	<i>varBegin</i>	iterator to start of variable list.
in	<i>varEnd</i>	iterator to end of variable list.
in	<i>indBegin</i>	iterator to start of value list.
in	<i>indEnd</i>	iterator to end of value list.

7.5.3.4 `void DomainIterator::condition (const DomainIterator & it)`

Convenience function for conditioning one iterator on the current value of another.

This equivalent to the following code

```
DomainIterator it1(...), it2(...);
DomainIterator::VarList vars = it1.getVars();
```

```
DomainIterator::IndList inds = it1.getSubInd();
it2.condition(vars.begin(), vars.end(), inds.begin(), inds.end());
```

See Also

[DomainIterator::condition\(const VarIt,const VarIt,const IndIt,const IndIt\)](#)

7.5.3.5 ValIndex maxsum::DomainIterator::getInd () const [inline]

Accessor method for linear index.

Exceptions

<i>maxsum::OutOfRange-Exception</i>	if iterator is out of range.
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7.5.3.6 const IndList& maxsum::DomainIterator::getSubInd () const [inline]

Accessor method for current sub indices.

Exceptions

<i>maxsum::OutOfRange-Exception</i>	if iterator is out of range.
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7.5.3.7 bool maxsum::DomainIterator::hasNext () const [inline]

Returns true if next call to [DomainIterator::operator++\(\)](#) will not throw an exception.

This is true provided all free (unconditioned) variables are less than their corresponding maximum: [maxsum::getDomainSize\(maxsum::VarID\) - 1](#).

See Also

[maxsum::getDomainSize\(maxsum::VarID\)](#)
[DomainIterator::condition\(\)](#)

7.5.3.8 DomainIterator & DomainIterator::operator++ ()

Increment this iterator to the next element in the domain.

This is the prefix version: increment first, then return.

Exceptions

<i>OutOfRangeException</i>	if we are already at the last element.
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Returns

iterator to next element

This is the prefix version: increment first, then return.

Exceptions

<i>maxsum::OutOfRangeException</i>	if we are already at the last element.
--	--

Returns

iterator to next element

7.5.3.9 DomainIterator maxsum::DomainIterator::operator++ (int) [inline]

Increment this iterator to the next element in the domain.

This is the postfix version: return current value, then increment.

Exceptions

<i>OutOfRangeException</i>	if we are already at the last element.
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Returns

iterator to next element

7.5.3.10 void maxsum::DomainIterator::validateRange () const [inline]

Utility method that throws an exception if we try to access beyond the end of the domain.

Exceptions

<i>maxsum::OutOfRangeException</i>	if we've reached the end of the list.
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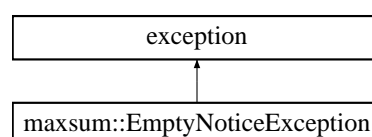
- [include/DomainIterator.h](#)
- [src/DomainIterator.cpp](#)

7.6 maxsum::EmptyNoticeException Class Reference

Exception thrown by [maxsum::util::PostOffice::popNotice](#) when there are no active notices.

```
#include <exceptions.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for maxsum::EmptyNoticeException:



Public Member Functions

- [EmptyNoticeException](#) (const std::string where_, const std::string msg_) throw ()

Constructs a new exception with specified location and message.

- `const char * what () const throw ()`

Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

- `virtual ~EmptyNoticeException () throw ()`

Destroys this exception and free's its allocated resources.

Protected Attributes

- `const std::string where`

String identifying the source code locatioin where this exceptioin was generated.

- `const std::string mesg`

Message describing the cause of this exception.

7.6.1 Detailed Description

Exception thrown by `maxsum::util::PostOffice::popNotice` when there are no active notices.

See Also

`PostOffice::popNotice`

7.6.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.6.2.1 `maxsum::EmptyNoticeException::EmptyNoticeException (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw ()` `[inline]`

Constructs a new exception with specified location and message.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>where_</code>	the source code location where this exception was generated.
<code>in</code>	<code>mesg_</code>	Message describing the reason for this exception.

7.6.3 Member Function Documentation

7.6.3.1 `const char* maxsum::EmptyNoticeException::what () const throw ()` `[inline]`

Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

Returns

a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

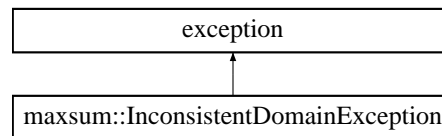
- `include/exceptions.h`

7.7 maxsum::InconsistentDomainException Class Reference

Exception thrown when variable domains are somehow registered as inconsistent.

```
#include <exceptions.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for `maxsum::InconsistentDomainException`:



Public Member Functions

- [InconsistentDomainException](#) (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw ()
Creates a new expection of this type.
- const char * [what](#) () const throw ()
Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.
- virtual [~InconsistentDomainException](#) () throw ()
Destroys this exception and free's its allocated resources.

Protected Attributes

- const std::string [where](#)
String identifying the source code locatioin where this exception was generated.
- const std::string [mesg](#)
Message describing the cause of this exception.

7.7.1 Detailed Description

Exception thrown when variable domains are somehow registered as inconsistent.

7.7.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.7.2.1 maxsum::InconsistentDomainException::InconsistentDomainException (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw () [inline]

Creates a new expection of this type.

Parameters

in	<i>where_</i>	the position in the source code where this was generated.
in	<i>mesg_</i>	message describing the cause of this exception.

7.7.3 Member Function Documentation

7.7.3.1 const char* maxsum::InconsistentDomainException::what () const throw () [inline]

Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

Returns

a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- include/[exceptions.h](#)

7.8 maxsum::util::KeySet< Map > Class Template Reference

Utility class for presenting the keys of a map in a read-only container.

```
#include <util_containers.h>
```

Classes

- class [const_iterator](#)
Iterator type that allows read-only access to the keys of the underlying map.

Public Types

- typedef Map::key_type [value_type](#)
The type of value contained in this set, which is always equal to the key type of the underlying map.

Public Member Functions

- [KeySet](#) (const Map *const pKeyMap=0)
Construct a new maxsum::KeySet backed by a specified map.
- void [setMap](#) (const Map *const pKeyMap)
Sets the backend map referenced by this [KeySet](#).
- [const_iterator begin](#) () const
Returns an iterator to the beginning of the key set.
- [const_iterator end](#) () const
Returns an iterator to the end of the key set.
- int [size](#) () const
Returns the size of the underlying map.
- [const_iterator find](#) (const [value_type](#) &k) const
Returns an iterator to the specified key, if it is in the map, or [KeySet::const_iterator::end](#) if it is not.
- bool [contains](#) (const [value_type](#) &k) const
Returns true if the specified key is in this set.

7.8.1 Detailed Description

```
template<class Map>class maxsum::util::KeySet< Map >
```

Utility class for presenting the keys of a map in a read-only container.

Provides methods for iterating over this set that adhere to standard library concepts.

Attention

This class is used as part of the implementation of the maxsum::PostOffice class only, and so does not need to be referenced directly by calling libraries. We therefore only implement the subset of the standard container interface that we actually need for our own purposes.

Template Parameters

<i>Map</i>	the class of underlying map referenced by this object.
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7.8.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.8.2.1 `template<class Map> maxsum::util::KeySet< Map >::KeySet (const Map *const pKeyMap = 0)`
`[inline]`

Construct a new maxsum::KeySet backed by a specified map.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>pKeyMap</code>	the backend map whoses key set we wish to present through this class. Changes to keyMap are tracked by this object, but no modifications can be made to keyMap through this object.
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Attention

If pKeyMap is null, then it must be set to point to a valid object using [KeySet::setMap](#) before any other member function is called.

Postcondition

*pKeyMap must not be destroyed before this maxsum::KeySet.

7.8.3 Member Function Documentation

7.8.3.1 `template<class Map> const_iterator maxsum::util::KeySet< Map >::begin () const` `[inline]`

Returns an iterator to the beginning of the key set.

Returns

an iterator to the beginning of the key set.

7.8.3.2 `template<class Map> const_iterator maxsum::util::KeySet< Map >::end () const` `[inline]`

Returns an iterator to the end of the key set.

As in the standard library, the end iterator points one space beyond the last element in the container.

7.8.3.3 `template<class Map> const_iterator maxsum::util::KeySet< Map >::find (const value_type & k) const`
`[inline]`

Returns an iterator to the specified key, if it is in the map, or KeySet::const_iterator::end if it is not.

Returns

an iterator to the specified key, if it is in the map, or KeySet::const_iterator::end if it is not.

7.8.3.4 `template<class Map> int maxsum::util::KeySet< Map >::size () const` `[inline]`

Returns the size of the underlying map.

Returns

the size of the underlying map.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [include/util_containers.h](#)

7.9 maxsum::MaxSumController Class Reference

This class maintains a factor graph and implements the max-sum algorithm.

```
#include <MaxSumController.h>
```

Public Types

- typedef ValueMap::const_iterator [ConstValueIterator](#)
Read only iterator for all variable value assignments.
- typedef FactorMap::const_iterator [ConstFactorIterator](#)
Read only iterator for all factors.

Public Member Functions

- [MaxSumController](#) (int maxIterations=DEFAULT_MAX_ITERATIONS, ValType maxnorm=DEFAULT_MAX-NORM_THRESHOLD)
Construct a new [maxsum::MaxSumController](#).
- void [setFactor](#) (FactorID id, const [DiscreteFunction](#) &factor)
Accessor method for factor function.
- void [removeFactor](#) (FactorID id)
Removes the specified factor from this controller's factor graph.
- void [clear](#) ()
Clear all factors and variables to form an empty factor graph.
- bool [hasFactor](#) (FactorID id) const
Returns true if and only if the specified factor is managed by this [maxsum::MaxSumController](#).
- bool [hasEdge](#) (FactorID id, VarID var) const
Returns true if and only if the specified variable, var and factor, fac are known to this [maxsum::MaxSumController](#), and var is in the domain of fac.
- int [noFactors](#) () const
Returns the number of factors know to this factor graph.
- int [noVars](#) () const
Returns the number of variables known to this factor graph.
- int [noEdges](#) () const
Returns the number of edges in the factor graph.
- [ConstValueIterator](#) [valBegin](#) () const
Returns a read only iterator to the beginning of the variable value map.
- [ConstValueIterator](#) [valEnd](#) () const
Returns a read only iterator to the end of the variable value map.
- [ConstFactorIterator](#) [factorBegin](#) () const
Returns a read only iterator to the beginning of the factor map.
- [ConstFactorIterator](#) [factorEnd](#) () const
Returns a read only iterator to the end of the factor map.
- const [DiscreteFunction](#) & [getFactor](#) (FactorID id) const
Accessor method for factor function.
- bool [hasValue](#) (VarID id) const
Returns true if and only if the specified variable is in the domain of at least one of the factors managed by this [maxsum::MaxSumController](#).
- ValType [getValue](#) (VarID id) const
Returns the current value assigned to the specified variable.
- int [optimise](#) ()
Runs the max-sum algorithm to optimise the values for each variable.

Static Public Attributes

- static const int [DEFAULT_MAX_ITERATIONS](#) =100
Default maximum number of iterations for max-sum algorithm.
- static const [ValType](#) [DEFAULT_MAXNORM_THRESHOLD](#) =0.0000001
Default maximum maxnorm allowed between the old and new values of a message, before it is assumed to have converged.

Friends

- std::ostream & [operator<<](#) (std::ostream &out, [MaxSumController](#) &controller)
Utility function used to dump the current state of this controller for debugging purposes.

7.9.1 Detailed Description

This class maintains a factor graph and implements the max-sum algorithm.

More specifically, this class implements the max-sum algorithm using the factor graph regime, in which messages are passed along the edges of a factor graph consisting of factor nodes and variable (action) nodes. Once the algorithm has converged, actions selected by maximising over the sum of messages sent to each variable (action) node.

7.9.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.9.2.1 `maxsum::MaxSumController::MaxSumController (int maxIterations = DEFAULT_MAX_ITERATIONS, ValType maxnorm = DEFAULT_MAXNORM_THRESHOLD)` `[inline]`

Construct a new [maxsum::MaxSumController](#).

Parameters

in	<i>maxIterations</i>	The maximum number of iterations for the max-sum algorithm.
in	<i>maxnorm</i>	The maximum maxnorm allowed between the old and new values of a message, before it is assumed to have converged.

7.9.3 Member Function Documentation

7.9.3.1 `void MaxSumController::clear ()`

Clear all factors and variables to form an empty factor graph.

Postcondition

the state of this [maxsum::MaxSumController](#) is reset to that created by the default constructor, with no registered factors or variables.

7.9.3.2 `const DiscreteFunction& maxsum::MaxSumController::getFactor (FactorID id) const` `[inline]`

Accessor method for factor function.

Parameters

in	<i>id</i>	the unique identifier of the desired factor.
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Returns

a reference to the function associated with the factor with unique identifier `id`.

Exceptions

<i>maxsum::NoSuchElementException</i>	if the specified factor is not known to this maxsum::MaxSumController .
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7.9.3.3 ValType maxsum::MaxSumController::getValue (VarID id) const [inline]

Returns the current value assigned to the specified variable.

This value is only optimised if [MaxSumController::optimise](#) has been previously called, and no factor has been modified since it was last called.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>id</code>	the unique identifier of the desired variable.
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Returns

the current value assigned to the specified variable.

Exceptions

<i>maxsum::NoSuchElementException</i>	if the specified value is not in the domain of any of the factors managed by this maxsum::MaxSumController .
---	--

7.9.3.4 bool maxsum::MaxSumController::hasEdge (FactorID id, VarID var) const [inline]

Returns true if and only if the specified variable, `var` and factor, `fac` are known to this [maxsum::MaxSumController](#), and `var` is in the domain of `fac`.

Returns

true if and only if the specified variable, `var` and factor, `fac` are known to this [maxsum::MaxSumController](#), and `var` is in the domain of `fac`.

7.9.3.5 bool maxsum::MaxSumController::hasFactor (FactorID id) const [inline]

Returns true if and only if the specified factor is managed by this [maxsum::MaxSumController](#).

Returns

true if and only if the specified factor is managed by this [maxsum::MaxSumController](#).

7.9.3.6 bool maxsum::MaxSumController::hasValue (VarID id) const [inline]

Returns true if and only if the specified variable is in the domain of at least one of the factors managed by this [maxsum::MaxSumController](#).

Returns

true if and only if the specified variable is in the domain of at least one of the factors managed by this [maxsum::MaxSumController](#).

7.9.3.7 `int MaxSumController::optimise ()`

Runs the max-sum algorithm to optimise the values for each variable.

Postcondition

`::getValue(VarID id)` will return the optimal value for the the variable with unique identifier `id`.

Returns

the number of max-sum iterations performed.

Postcondition

[maxsum::MaxSumController::getValue](#) will return the optimal value for the the variable with unique identifier `id`.

7.9.3.8 `void MaxSumController::removeFactor (FactorID id)`

Removes the specified factor from this controller's factor graph.

In addition, any variables that were previously only connected to this factor, will also be removed from the factor graph. Notice that this does not require the remaining nodes to form a connected graph, but it does mean that variables or factors connect exist in isolation. For example, although every variable and factor must have at least one edge, two variable-factor graph pairs may exist without any edges between the pairs.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>id</code>	the id of the factor to remove from the graph.
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Postcondition

If the specified factor was previously in the factor graph, it will be removed by this function.

Any variables that were previously only connected to this factor, will also be removed from the factor graph.

7.9.3.9 `void MaxSumController::setFactor (FactorID id, const DiscreteFunction & factor)`

Accessor method for factor function.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code>id</code>	the unique identifier of the desired factor.
<code>in</code>	<code>factor</code>	the function representing this factor.

Returns

a reference to the function associated with the factor with unique identifier `id`.

Postcondition

A copy of `factor` is stored internally by this [maxsum::MaxSumController](#) and used to form part of a factor graph.

Any previous value of the specified factor is overwritten.

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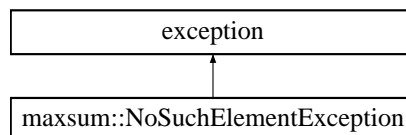
- [include/MaxSumController.h](#)
- [src/MaxSumController.cpp](#)

7.10 maxsum::NoSuchElementException Class Reference

Exception thrown when there has been an attempt to access an element of a container that does not exist, and cannot be created on demand.

```
#include <exceptions.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for maxsum::NoSuchElementException:



Public Member Functions

- [NoSuchElementException](#) (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw ()
Constructs a new exception with specified location and message.
- const char * [what](#) () const throw ()
Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.
- virtual [~NoSuchElementException](#) () throw ()
Destroys this exception and free's its allocated resources.

Protected Attributes

- const std::string [where](#)
String identifying the source code location where this exception was generated.
- const std::string [mesg](#)
Message describing the cause of this exception.

7.10.1 Detailed Description

Exception thrown when there has been an attempt to access an element of a container that does not exist, and cannot be created on demand.

7.10.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.10.2.1 maxsum::NoSuchElementException::NoSuchElementException (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw () [inline]

Constructs a new exception with specified location and message.

Parameters

in	where_	the source code location where this exception was generated.
in	mesg_	Message describing the reason for this exception.

7.10.3 Member Function Documentation

7.10.3.1 `const char* maxsum::NoSuchElementException::what () const throw ()` `[inline]`

Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

Returns

a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

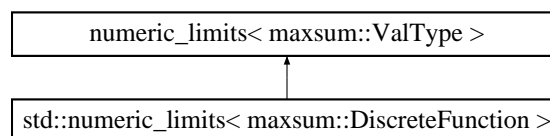
- [include/exceptions.h](#)

7.11 `std::numeric_limits< maxsum::DiscreteFunction >` Class Template Reference

Defines numeric limits for [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) class.

```
#include <DiscreteFunction.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for `std::numeric_limits< maxsum::DiscreteFunction >`:



7.11.1 Detailed Description

```
template<>class std::numeric_limits< maxsum::DiscreteFunction >
```

Defines numeric limits for [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) class.

The numeric limits for DiscreteFunctions are inherited from their underlying value type.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

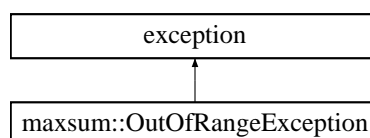
- [include/DiscreteFunction.h](#)

7.12 `maxsum::OutOfRangeException` Class Reference

Exception thrown when indices are out of range.

```
#include <exceptions.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for `maxsum::OutOfRangeException`:



Public Member Functions

- [OutOfRangeException](#) (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw ()
Constructs a new exception with specified location and message.
- const char * [what](#) () const throw ()
Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.
- virtual [~OutOfRangeException](#) () throw ()
Destroys this exception and free's its allocated resources.

Protected Attributes

- const std::string [where](#)
String identifying the source code locatioin where this exceptioin was generated.
- const std::string [mesg](#)
Message describing the cause of this exception.

7.12.1 Detailed Description

Exception thrown when indices are out of range.

7.12.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.12.2.1 maxsum::OutOfRangeException::OutOfRangeException (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw ()
[inline]

Constructs a new exception with specified location and message.

Parameters

in	where_	the source code location where this exception was generated.
in	mesg_	Message describing the reason for this exception.

7.12.3 Member Function Documentation

7.12.3.1 const char* maxsum::OutOfRangeException::what () const throw () [inline]

Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

Returns

a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- include/[exceptions.h](#)

7.13 maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message > Class Template Reference

Class used to store and manage messages sent between factor graph nodes.

```
#include <PostOffice.h>
```

Public Types

- typedef [util::RefMap](#) < Receiver, Message * > [OutMsgMap](#)
Map of Receivers to Messages for a specific Sender.
- typedef [OutMsgMap::const_iterator](#) [OutMsgIt](#)
Iterator type for [PostOffice::OutMsgMap](#).
- typedef [util::RefMap](#) < Sender, Message * > [InMsgMap](#)
Map of Senders to Messages for a specific Receivers.
- typedef [InMsgMap::const_iterator](#) [InMsgIt](#)
Iterator type for [PostOffice::InMsgMap](#).
- typedef [util::KeySet](#) < OutboxMap > ::const_iterator [SenderIt](#)
Type of iterator returned by [PostOffice::senderBegin\(\)](#) and [PostOffice::senderEnd\(\)](#).
- typedef [util::KeySet](#) < InboxMap > ::const_iterator [ReceiverIt](#)
Type of iterator returned by [PostOffice::receiverBegin](#) and [PostOffice::receiverEnd](#).

Public Member Functions

- [PostOffice](#) ()
Constructs an empty [PostOffice](#) with no edges, senders or receivers.
- void [clear](#) ()
Removes all messages and edges from this postoffice.
- [OutMsgMap](#) [curOutMsgs](#) (Sender s)
Returns the current set of output messages for a given sender.
- [OutMsgMap](#) [prevOutMsgs](#) (Sender s)
Returns the previous set of output messages for a given sender.
- [InMsgMap](#) [curInMsgs](#) (Receiver r)
Returns the current set of input messages for a given receiver.
- [InMsgMap](#) [prevInMsgs](#) (Receiver r)
Returns the previous set of input messages for a given receiver.
- bool [newMail](#) () const
Returns true if any receivers have new mail.
- void [notify](#) (Receiver r)
Notifies a receiver that they have new mail.
- void [notifyAll](#) ()
Notifies all receivers that they have new mail.
- int [noticeCount](#) () const
Returns the number of receivers who are currently notified to check their mail.
- Receiver [popNotice](#) ()
Returns the identity of the next receiver who has new mail, and removes their identity from the notification list.
- void [swapOutBoxes](#) (Sender s)
Swaps the current messages from a specified sender with their previous ones.
- void [addEdge](#) (Sender s, Receiver r)
Adds an edge between a specified sender and receiver.
- void [addEdge](#) (Sender s, Receiver r, const Message &msgVal)
Adds an edge between a specified sender and receiver.
- void [removeEdge](#) (Sender s, Receiver r)
Removes an edge between a specified sender and receiver.

- bool [hasSender](#) (Sender id) const
Returns true if a specified sender is registered with this postoffice.
- bool [hasReceiver](#) (Receiver id) const
Returns true if a specified receiver is registered with this postoffice.
- bool [hasEdge](#) (Sender s, Receiver r) const
Returns true if a specified sender and receiver are connected.
- int [numOfEdges](#) () const
Returns the number of edges (routes between sender's and receivers) registered in this [PostOffice](#).
- int [numOfSenders](#) () const
Returns the number of Sender's registered with this [PostOffice](#).
- int [numOfReceivers](#) () const
Returns the number of Receiver's registered with this [PostOffice](#).
- [SenderIt senderBegin](#) () const
Returns iterator to the beginning of the Sender set.
- [SenderIt senderEnd](#) () const
Returns iterator to the beginning of the Sender set.
- [ReceiverIt receiverBegin](#) ()
Returns iterator to the beginning of the Receiver set.
- [ReceiverIt receiverEnd](#) ()
Returns iterator to the beginning of the Receiver set.
- virtual [~PostOffice](#) ()
Destructor frees all resources used by this [PostOffice](#).

7.13.1 Detailed Description

template<class Sender, class Receiver, class Message = DiscreteFunction>class maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >

Class used to store and manage messages sent between factor graph nodes.

Template Parameters

<i>Sender</i>	Type used to uniquely identify message senders, e.g. maxsum::FactorID or maxsum::VarID
<i>Receiver</i>	Type used to uniquely identify message receivers, e.g. maxsum::FactorID or maxsum::VarID
<i>Message</i>	Class used to represent messages which, by default, are maxsum::DiscreteFunction objects.

7.13.2 Member Typedef Documentation

7.13.2.1 template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> typedef util::KeySet<InboxMap>::const_iterator maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >::ReceiverIt

Type of iterator returned by [PostOffice::receiverBegin](#) and [PostOffice::receiverEnd](#).

This type of iterator allows read-only access to the set of Receivers registered with this maxsum::PostOffice.

See Also

[PostOffice::receiverBegin](#)
[PostOffice::receiverEnd](#)

```
7.13.2.2 template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> typedef
util::KeySet<OutboxMap>::const_iterator maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message
>::SenderIt
```

Type of iterator returned by [PostOffice::senderBegin\(\)](#) and [PostOffice::senderEnd\(\)](#).

This type of iterator allows read-only access to the set of Senders registered with this maxsum::PostOffice.

See Also

[PostOffice::senderBegin](#)
[PostOffice::senderEnd](#)

7.13.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

```
7.13.3.1 template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> virtual maxsum::util::PostOffice<
Sender, Receiver, Message >::~~PostOffice ( ) [inline], [virtual]
```

Destructor frees all resources used by this [PostOffice](#).

Postcondition

Any external pointers to messages managed by this post office will be invalidated.

7.13.4 Member Function Documentation

```
7.13.4.1 template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> void maxsum::util::PostOffice<
Sender, Receiver, Message >::addEdge ( Sender s, Receiver r ) [inline]
```

Adds an edge between a specified sender and receiver.

Parameters

in	<i>s</i>	the sender's id
in	<i>r</i>	the receiver's id

Postcondition

Messages can now be sent from *s* to *s* via this maxsum::PostOffice.

```
7.13.4.2 template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> void maxsum::util::PostOffice<
Sender, Receiver, Message >::addEdge ( Sender s, Receiver r, const Message & msgVal ) [inline]
```

Adds an edge between a specified sender and receiver.

Parameters

in	<i>s</i>	the sender's id
in	<i>r</i>	the receiver's id
in	<i>msgVal</i>	initial value for newly constructed messages.

Postcondition

Messages can now be sent from *s* to *s* via this maxsum::PostOffice.

7.13.4.3 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> InMsgMap
maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >::curInMsgs (Receiver r) [inline]`

Returns the current set of input messages for a given receiver.

Exceptions

<i>maxsum::UnknownAddress-Exception</i>	if receiver is not registered.
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7.13.4.4 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> OutMsgMap
maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >::curOutMsgs (Sender s) [inline]`

Returns the current set of output messages for a given sender.

Exceptions

<i>maxsum::UnknownAddress-Exception</i>	if sender is not registered.
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7.13.4.5 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> bool maxsum::util::PostOffice<
Sender, Receiver, Message >::hasEdge (Sender s, Receiver r) const [inline]`

Returns true if a specified sender and receiver are connected.

Parameters

in	s	the sender's id
in	r	the receiver's id

Returns

true if *s* can send mail to *r* via this maxsum::PostOffice.

7.13.4.6 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> void maxsum::util::PostOffice<
Sender, Receiver, Message >::notify (Receiver r) [inline]`

Notifies a receiver that they have new mail.

Parameters

in	r	the receiver to notify
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7.13.4.7 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> Receiver
maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >::popNotice () [inline]`

Returns the identity of the next receiver who has new mail, and removes their identity from the notification list.

Precondition

PostOffice::newmail returns true

[*PostOffice::noticeCount*](#) returns integer greater than 0.

Postcondition

the size of the notification list is reduced by 1.

Exceptions

<i>maxsum::EmptyNotice-Exception</i>	if PostOffice::newMail returns false;
--	---

7.13.4.8 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> InMsgMap
maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >::prevInMsgs (Receiver r) [inline]`

Returns the previous set of input messages for a given receiver.

Exceptions

<i>maxsum::UnknownAddress-Exception</i>	if receiver is not registered.
---	--------------------------------

7.13.4.9 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> OutMsgMap
maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >::prevOutMsgs (Sender s) [inline]`

Returns the previous set of output messages for a given sender.

Exceptions

<i>maxsum::UnknownAddress-Exception</i>	if sender is not registered.
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7.13.4.10 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> ReceiverIt
maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >::receiverBegin () [inline]`

Returns iterator to the beginning of the Receiver set.

Together with [PostOffice::receiverEnd](#) this provides access to the set of all receivers. Example usage:

```
PostOffice<VarID,FactorID> post(...);
...
typedef PostOffice<VarID,FactorID>::ReceiverIt Iterator;
for(Iterator it=post.receiverBegin(); it!=post.receiverEnd(); ++it)
{
    std::cout << "Receiver " << *it << " is registered.\n";
}
```

See Also

[PostOffice::receiverEnd](#)

7.13.4.11 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> ReceiverIt
maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >::receiverEnd () [inline]`

Returns iterator to the beginning of the Receiver set.

Together with [PostOffice::receiverBegin](#) this provides access to the set of all receivers. Example usage:

```
PostOffice<VarID,FactorID> post (...);
...
typedef PostOffice<VarID,FactorID>::ReceiverIt Iterator;
for(Iterator it=post.receiverBegin(); it!=post.receiverEnd(); ++it)
{
    std::cout << "Receiver " << *it << " is registered.\n";
}
```

See Also

[PostOffice::receiverBegin](#)

7.13.4.12 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> void maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >::removeEdge (Sender s, Receiver r) [inline]`

Removes an edge between a specified sender and receiver.

Parameters

in	<i>s</i>	the sender's id
in	<i>r</i>	the receiver's id

Postcondition

Messages will no longer be sent from *s* to *s* via this maxsum::PostOffice.

7.13.4.13 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> SenderIt maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >::senderBegin () const [inline]`

Returns iterator to the beginning of the Sender set.

Together with [PostOffice::senderEnd](#) this provides access to the set of all senders. Example usage:

```
PostOffice<VarID,FactorID> post (...);
...
typedef PostOffice<VarID,FactorID>::SenderIt Iterator;
for(Iterator it=post.senderBegin(); it!=post.senderEnd(); ++it)
{
    std::cout << "Sender " << *it << " is registered.\n";
}
```

See Also

[PostOffice::senderEnd](#)

7.13.4.14 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> SenderIt maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >::senderEnd () const [inline]`

Returns iterator to the beginning of the Sender set.

Together with [PostOffice::senderBegin](#) this provides access to the set of all senders. Example usage:

```
PostOffice<VarID,FactorID> post (...);
...
typedef PostOffice<VarID,FactorID>::SenderIt Iterator;
for(Iterator it=post.senderBegin(); it!=post.senderEnd(); ++it)
```

```
{
    std::cout << "Sender " << *it << " is registered.\n";
}
```

See Also

[PostOffice::senderBegin](#)

7.13.4.15 `template<class Sender , class Receiver , class Message = DiscreteFunction> void maxsum::util::PostOffice<Sender, Receiver, Message >::swapOutBoxes (Sender s) [inline]`

Swaps the current messages from a specified sender with their previous ones.

This allows the previous messages to be overwritten with new messages, without having to free or allocate temporary objects.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [include/PostOffice.h](#)

7.14 maxsum::util::RefMap< Key, Val > Class Template Reference

This class provides a read only wrapper around an existing map, such as that provided by `std::map`.

```
#include <util_containers.h>
```

Public Types

- `typedef std::map< Key, Val > PtrMap`
Type of map used to store value pointers.
- `typedef PtrMap::const_iterator const_iterator`
Iterator type returned by this map.
- `typedef PtrMap::value_type value_type`
Key-Value pair type stored by this map.
- `typedef PtrMap::value_type key_type`
Key type used to index this map.
- `typedef PtrMap::mapped_type mapped_type`
Value type stored by this map.

Public Member Functions

- `RefMap (const PtrMap &map)`
Constructs an empty map.
- `const_iterator begin () const`
Returns an iterator the first element in this map.
- `const_iterator end () const`
Returns an iterator to the next position after the last element of this map.
- `const Val & operator[] (Key key) const`
Provides a constant reference to the value pointed to by key, or throws an exception is the key is not currently mapped to any value.
- `const_iterator find (Key key) const`
Tries to find the value for a given key in this map.
- `int size () const`
Returns the number of elements in this map.

7.14.1 Detailed Description

`template<class Key, class Val>class maxsum::util::RefMap< Key, Val >`

This class provides a read only wrapper around an existing map, such as that provided by `std::map`.

In particular, this class provides a `const` implementation of the `[]` operator, which throws an exception if the requested key is not already in the underlying map, rather than trying to insert it. This functionality is not provided by the standard library.

Note: Currently, we only implement that subset of the map interface that we actually require for our purposes.

Attention

This class is used as part of the implementation of the `maxsum::PostOffice` class only, and so does not need to be referenced directly by calling libraries. We therefore only implement the subset of the standard container interface that we actually need for our own purposes.

Template Parameters

<i>Key</i>	Type of key used by this map.
<i>Val</i>	Type of value referenced by this map. Internally, the map stores pointers to <code>Val</code> objects, rather than the <code>Val</code> objects themselves, but presents the same interface as a <code>std::map</code> that does store them.

7.14.2 Member Function Documentation

7.14.2.1 `template<class Key , class Val > const_iterator maxsum::util::RefMap< Key, Val >::begin () const`
`[inline]`

Returns an iterator the first element in this map.

This iterator provides readonly access to the elements of this map.

7.14.2.2 `template<class Key , class Val > const_iterator maxsum::util::RefMap< Key, Val >::end () const`
`[inline]`

Returns an iterator to the next position after the last element of this map.

See C++ standard library documentation for rationale.

7.14.2.3 `template<class Key , class Val > const Val& maxsum::util::RefMap< Key, Val >::operator[] (Key key) const`
`[inline]`

Provides a constant reference to the value pointed to by `key`, or throws an exception is the key is not currently mapped to any value.

Attention

This is intentionally different from the behaviour of `std::map::operator[]`, because we only want to provide read-access through this operator.

Parameters

<i>in</i>	<i>key</i>	the key whoses value we want to return.
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Exceptions

NoSuchElementException	if key is not currently in this map.
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Returns

a constant reference to the mapped value.

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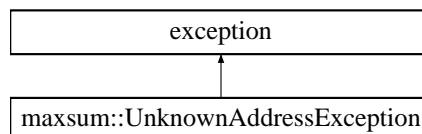
- include/[util_containers.h](#)

7.15 maxsum::UnknownAddressException Class Reference

Exception thrown when a [maxsum::util::PostOffice](#) does not recognise the ID of a Sender or Receiver.

```
#include <exceptions.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for maxsum::UnknownAddressException:



Public Member Functions

- [UnknownAddressException](#) (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw ()
Constructs a new exception with specified location and message.
- const char * [what](#) () const throw ()
Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.
- virtual [~UnknownAddressException](#) () throw ()
Destroys this exception and free's its allocated resources.

Protected Attributes

- const std::string [where](#)
String identifying the source code location where this exception was generated.
- const std::string [mesg](#)
Message describing the cause of this exception.

7.15.1 Detailed Description

Exception thrown when a [maxsum::util::PostOffice](#) does not recognise the ID of a Sender or Receiver.

7.15.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.15.2.1 [maxsum::UnknownAddressException::UnknownAddressException](#) (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw () [inline]

Constructs a new exception with specified location and message.

Parameters

in	<i>where_</i>	the source code location where this exception was generated.
in	<i>mesg_</i>	Message describing the reason for this exception.

7.15.3 Member Function Documentation

7.15.3.1 `const char* maxsum::UnknownAddressException::what () const throw ()` `[inline]`

Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

Returns

a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

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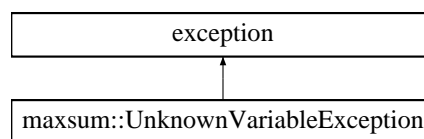
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7.16 maxsum::UnknownVariableException Class Reference

Exception thrown when a variable is referred to, but has not yet been registered using either [maxsum::registerVariable](#) or [maxsum::registerVariables](#).

```
#include <exceptions.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for maxsum::UnknownVariableException:



Public Member Functions

- [UnknownVariableException](#) (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw ()
Creates a new exception of this type.
- const char * [what](#) () const throw ()
Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.
- virtual [~UnknownVariableException](#) () throw ()
Destroys this exception and free's its allocated resources.

Protected Attributes

- const std::string [where](#)
String identifying the source code location where this exception was generated.
- const std::string [mesg](#)
Message describing the cause of this exception.

7.16.1 Detailed Description

Exception thrown when a variable is referred to, but has not yet been registered using either [maxsum::registerVariable](#) or [maxsum::registerVariables](#).

7.16.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.16.2.1 `maxsum::UnknownVariableException::UnknownVariableException (const std::string where_, const std::string mesg_) throw () [inline]`

Creates a new exception of this type.

Parameters

<code>in</code>	<code><i>where_</i></code>	the position in the source code where this was generated.
<code>in</code>	<code><i>mesg_</i></code>	message describing the cause of this exception.

7.16.3 Member Function Documentation

7.16.3.1 `const char* maxsum::UnknownVariableException::what () const throw () [inline]`

Returns a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

Returns

a message describing the cause of this exception, and the location it was thrown.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [include/exceptions.h](#)

Chapter 8

File Documentation

8.1 include/common.h File Reference

Common types and functions used by Max-Sum library.

```
#include <cfloat>
#include <string>
#include <vector>
#include "exceptions.h"
```

Namespaces

- namespace [maxsum](#)
Namespace for all public types and functions defined by the Max-Sum library.

Typedefs

- typedef double [maxsum::ValType](#)
Type of values stored by [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects.
- typedef unsigned int [maxsum::VarID](#)
Type used for uniquely identifying variables.
- typedef unsigned int [maxsum::FactorID](#)
Type used for uniquely identifying factors in a factor graph.
- typedef int [maxsum::ValIndex](#)
Integer type used for indexing coefficient values.

Functions

- template<class VecType >
void [maxsum::ind2sub](#) (const VecType &siz, const typename VecType::value_type ind, VecType &sub)
C++ Implementation of Matlab ind2sub function.
- template<class SizIt, class SubIt >
ValIndex [maxsum::sub2ind](#) (SizIt sizFirst, SizIt sizEnd, SubIt subFirst, SubIt subEnd)
C++ Implementation of Matlab sub2ind function.
- template<class VecType >
VecType::value_type [maxsum::sub2ind](#) (const VecType &siz, const VecType &sub)
C++ Implementation of Matlab sub2ind function.

Variables

- const ValType `maxsum::DEFAULT_VALUE_TOLERANCE` = DBL_EPSILON * 1000.0
Default tolerance used for comparing values of type `maxsum::ValType`.

8.1.1 Detailed Description

Common types and functions used by Max-Sum library. In particular, this file defines common typedefs, and functions for calculating subindices and linear indices for referencing the contents of N-D arrays. These resemble similar functions defined in the Matlab environment.

Author

Luke Teacy

8.2 include/DiscreteFunction.h File Reference

Defines the `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` class and related utility functions.

```
#include <cmath>
#include <iostream>
#include <cassert>
#include <algorithm>
#include "common.h"
#include "register.h"
#include "DomainIterator.h"
```

Classes

- class `maxsum::DiscreteFunction`
Class representing functions of sets of variables with discrete domains.
- class `std::numeric_limits< maxsum::DiscreteFunction >`
Defines numeric limits for `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` class.

Namespaces

- namespace `maxsum`
Namespace for all public types and functions defined by the Max-Sum library.

Typedefs

- typedef ValType(* `maxsum::UnaryScalarOp`)(const ValType)
Function type for operations applied to function values.
- typedef ValType(* `maxsum::DualScalarOp`)(const ValType, const ValType)
Function type for operations applied to two functions.

Functions

- `std::ostream & maxsum::operator<< (std::ostream &out, const DiscreteFunction &fun)`
Pretty prints a `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` Format is similar to the `disp` function in Matlab for N-D arrays, except that first dimension appears in rows rather than columns.

- bool `maxsum::sameDomain` (const `DiscreteFunction` &f1, const `DiscreteFunction` &f2)
Check that two `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` objects have the same domain.
- bool `maxsum::equalWithinTolerance` (const `DiscreteFunction` &f1, const `DiscreteFunction` &f2, `ValType` tol=DEFAULT_VALUE_TOLERANCE)
Check that two `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` objects are equal within a specified tolerance.
- bool `maxsum::strictlyEqualWithinTolerance` (const `DiscreteFunction` &f1, const `DiscreteFunction` &f2, `ValType` tol=DEFAULT_VALUE_TOLERANCE)
Check that two `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` objects are equal with a specified tolerance, and have exactly the same domain.
- bool `maxsum::operator==` (const `DiscreteFunction` &f1, const `DiscreteFunction` &f2)
Return true if functions are equal.
- bool `maxsum::operator!=` (const `DiscreteFunction` &f1, const `DiscreteFunction` &f2)
Return true if functions are equal.
- `DiscreteFunction` `maxsum::operator/` (const `ValType` f1, const `DiscreteFunction` &f2)
Performs element-wise division of a scalar by a function.
- `DiscreteFunction` `maxsum::operator*` (const `ValType` f1, const `DiscreteFunction` &f2)
Performs element-wise multiplication of a scalar by a function.
- `DiscreteFunction` `maxsum::operator+` (const `ValType` f1, const `DiscreteFunction` &f2)
Performs element-wise addition of a scalar by a function.
- `DiscreteFunction` `maxsum::operator-` (const `ValType` f1, const `DiscreteFunction` &f2)
Performs element-wise subtraction of a function from a scalar.
- template<class `VarIt` , class `IndIt` >
void `maxsum::condition` (const `DiscreteFunction` &inFun, `DiscreteFunction` &outFun, `VarIt` vBegin, `VarIt` vEnd, `IndIt` iBegin, `IndIt` iEnd)
Condition function on specified variable values.
- template<class `VarMap` >
void `maxsum::condition` (const `DiscreteFunction` &inFun, `DiscreteFunction` &outFun, `VarMap` vars)
Condition function on specified variable values.
- template<typename `F` >
void `maxsum::marginal` (const `DiscreteFunction` &inFun, `F` aggregate, `DiscreteFunction` &outFun)
Marginalise a `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` using a specified aggregation function.
- void `maxsum::maxMarginal` (const `DiscreteFunction` &inFun, `DiscreteFunction` &outFun)
Marginalise a `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` by maximisation.
- void `maxsum::minMarginal` (const `DiscreteFunction` &inFun, `DiscreteFunction` &outFun)
Marginalise a `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` by minimisation.
- void `maxsum::meanMarginal` (const `DiscreteFunction` &inFun, `DiscreteFunction` &outFun)
Marginalise a `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` by averaging.
- template<`UnaryScalarOp` `OP`>
`DiscreteFunction` `maxsum::elementWiseOp` (const `DiscreteFunction` &inFcn)
Template used to generate operations that apply some function to each of a `DiscreteFunction`'s values.
- template<`DualScalarOp` `OP`>
`DiscreteFunction` `maxsum::elementWiseOp` (const `DiscreteFunction` &inFcn1, const `DiscreteFunction` &inFcn2)
Template used to generate operations that apply some operation to a pair of `DiscreteFunctions`.
- `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` `std::log` (const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &fcn)
Returns the elementwise log of a function.
- `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` `std::cos` (const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &fcn)
Returns the elementwise cosine value of a function.
- `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` `std::sin` (const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &fcn)
Returns the elementwise sine value of a function.
- `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` `std::tan` (const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &fcn)
Returns the elementwise tangent value of a function.

- `maxsum::DiscreteFunction std::fabs` (const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &fcn)
Returns the elementwise absolute value of a function.
- `maxsum::DiscreteFunction std::abs` (const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &fcn)
Returns the elementwise absolute value of a function.
- `maxsum::DiscreteFunction std::exp` (const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &fcn)
Returns the elementwise exponent of a function.
- `maxsum::DiscreteFunction std::sqrt` (const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &fcn)
Returns the elementwise square root of a function.
- `maxsum::DiscreteFunction std::ceil` (const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &fcn)
Returns the elementwise ceil value of a function.
- `maxsum::DiscreteFunction std::floor` (const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &fcn)
Returns the elementwise floor value of a function.
- `maxsum::DiscreteFunction std::pow` (const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &base, const `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` &exp)
Takes one function to the power of another.

8.2.1 Detailed Description

Defines the `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` class and related utility functions.

8.3 include/DomainIterator.h File Reference

This file defines the `maxsum::DomainIterator` class.

```
#include <algorithm>
#include <vector>
#include "common.h"
#include "register.h"
```

Classes

- class `maxsum::DomainIterator`
This class provides methods for iterating over the Cartesian product for a set of variable domains.

Namespaces

- namespace `maxsum`
Namespace for all public types and functions defined by the Max-Sum library.

8.3.1 Detailed Description

This file defines the `maxsum::DomainIterator` class. The `maxsum::DomainIterator` class provides methods for iterating over the Cartesian product for a set of variable domains.

8.4 include/exceptions.h File Reference

Defines exception classes for all error conditions that may occur in the maxsum library.

```
#include <string>
#include <exception>
```

Classes

- class [maxsum::NoSuchElementException](#)
Exception thrown when there has been an attempt to access an element of a container that does not exist, and cannot be created on demand.
- class [maxsum::EmptyNoticeException](#)
Exception thrown by [maxsum::util::PostOffice::popNotice](#) when there are no active notices.
- class [maxsum::UnknownAddressException](#)
Exception thrown when a [maxsum::util::PostOffice](#) does not recognise the ID of a Sender or Receiver.
- class [maxsum::BadDomainException](#)
Exception thrown when subindices are incorrectly specified for a [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#).
- class [maxsum::OutOfRangeException](#)
Exception thrown when indices are out of range.
- class [maxsum::DomainConflictException](#)
Exception thrown when conflicting domains are specified for a variable.
- class [maxsum::UnknownVariableException](#)
Exception thrown when a variable is referred to, but has not yet been registered using either [maxsum::registerVariable](#) or [maxsum::registerVariables](#).
- class [maxsum::InconsistentDomainException](#)
Exception thrown when variable domains are somehow registered as inconsistent.

Namespaces

- namespace [maxsum](#)
Namespace for all public types and functions defined by the Max-Sum library.

8.4.1 Detailed Description

Defines exception classes for all error conditions that may occur in the maxsum library.

Author

Luke Teacy

8.5 include/mainpage.h File Reference

This header defines the main page for this documentation, and is for that purpose only.

Namespaces

- namespace [maxsum](#)
Namespace for all public types and functions defined by the Max-Sum library.

8.5.1 Detailed Description

This header defines the main page for this documentation, and is for that purpose only.

Author

Dr W. T. Luke Teacy, University of Southampton

8.6 include/MaxSumController.h File Reference

Defines the MaxSumController class, which implements the max-sum algorithm.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <map>
#include <stack>
#include "common.h"
#include "DiscreteFunction.h"
#include "PostOffice.h"
```

Classes

- class [maxsum::MaxSumController](#)
This class maintains a factor graph and implements the max-sum algorithm.

Namespaces

- namespace [maxsum](#)
Namespace for all public types and functions defined by the Max-Sum library.

Functions

- `std::ostream & maxsum::operator<< (std::ostream &out, MaxSumController &controller)`
Utility function used to dump the current state of this controller for debugging purposes.

8.6.1 Detailed Description

Defines the MaxSumController class, which implements the max-sum algorithm.

Author

W. T. Luke Teacy - University of Southampton

8.7 include/PostOffice.h File Reference

This file defines the utility maxsum::PostOffice class.

```
#include <map>
#include <set>
#include <queue>
#include "DiscreteFunction.h"
#include "util_containers.h"
```

Classes

- class [maxsum::util::PostOffice< Sender, Receiver, Message >](#)
Class used to store and manage messages sent between factor graph nodes.

Namespaces

- namespace [maxsum](#)
Namespace for all public types and functions defined by the Max-Sum library.
- namespace [maxsum::util](#)
Utility namespace for types used for maxsum library implementation.

Typedefs

- typedef PostOffice< VarID, FactorID > [maxsum::util::V2FPostOffice](#)
Convenience typedef for Variable to Factor PostOffices.
- typedef PostOffice< FactorID, VarID > [maxsum::util::F2VPostOffice](#)
Convenience typedef for Factor to Variable PostOffices.
- typedef PostOffice< FactorID, FactorID > [maxsum::util::F2FPostOffice](#)
Convenience typedef for Factor to Factor PostOffices.

8.7.1 Detailed Description

This file defines the utility `maxsum::PostOffice` class.

8.8 include/register.h File Reference

This Header defines functions for registering the set of all variables on which [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#) objects may depend.

```
#include "common.h"
```

Namespaces

- namespace [maxsum](#)
Namespace for all public types and functions defined by the Max-Sum library.

Functions

- bool [maxsum::isRegistered](#) (VarID var)
Returns true if the specified variable is registered.
- template<class VarIt >
bool [maxsum::allRegistered](#) (VarIt varBegin, VarIt varEnd)
Returns true if all specified variables are registered.
- ValIndex [maxsum::getDomainSize](#) (VarID var)
Returns the registered domain size for a specified variable.

- int `maxsum::getNumOfRegisteredVariables ()`
Returns the number of currently registered variables.
- void `maxsum::registerVariable (VarID var, ValIndex siz)`
Registers a variable with a specified domain size.
- template<class VarIt , class IndIt >
void `maxsum::registerVariables (VarIt varBegin, VarIt varEnd, IndIt sizBegin, IndIt sizEnd)`
Register a list of variables with specified domain sizes.

8.8.1 Detailed Description

This Header defines functions for registering the set of all variables on which `maxsum::DiscreteFunction` objects may depend. Variables are uniquely identified by a key of type `maxsum::VarID` and each as a specified domain size. The purpose of the functions defined in this file are to register the domain size for each variable before it is used, and ensure that this size remains fixed throughout a programs execution. Variables can be registered multiple times, but in each case the domain size must not change. Variables must always be registered before they are referenced by any function.

8.9 include/util_containers.h File Reference

This file defines some utility container types required for the implementation of the maxsum library.

```
#include <cassert>
#include <map>
```

Classes

- class `maxsum::util::KeySet< Map >`
Utility class for presenting the keys of a map in a read-only container.
- class `maxsum::util::KeySet< Map >::const_iterator`
Iterator type that allows read-only access to the keys of the underlying map.
- class `maxsum::util::RefMap< Key, Val >`
This class provides a read only wrapper around an existing map, such as that provided by `std::map`.

Namespaces

- namespace `maxsum`
Namespace for all public types and functions defined by the Max-Sum library.
- namespace `maxsum::util`
Utility namespace for types used for maxsum library implementation.

8.9.1 Detailed Description

This file defines some utility container types required for the implementation of the maxsum library.

Attention

The types defined in this header are not intended to form part of the public interface to the maxsum library. Knowledge of these types is therefore not required for interfacing with the library.

8.10 src/DiscreteFunction.cpp File Reference

Implementation of member functions of class [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#).

```
#include <cmath>
#include <vector>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <algorithm>
#include <iostream>
#include "DiscreteFunction.h"
#include "DomainIterator.h"
```

8.10.1 Detailed Description

Implementation of member functions of class [maxsum::DiscreteFunction](#).

8.11 src/DomainIterator.cpp File Reference

This file implements the [maxsum::DomainIterator](#) class.

```
#include "register.h"
#include "DomainIterator.h"
#include "DiscreteFunction.h"
```

8.11.1 Detailed Description

This file implements the [maxsum::DomainIterator](#) class. The [maxsum::DomainIterator](#) class provides methods for iterating over the Cartesian product for a set of variable domains.

8.12 src/MaxSumController.cpp File Reference

Implementation of MaxSumController class members.

```
#include "MaxSumController.h"
#include <iostream>
```

8.12.1 Detailed Description

Implementation of MaxSumController class members.

See Also

[MaxSumController.h](#)

Author

W. T. Luke Teacy - University of Southampton

8.13 src/register.cpp File Reference

Implementation of functions in [register.h](#).

```
#include <map>
#include <string>
#include <sstream>
#include "register.h"
```

8.13.1 Detailed Description

Implementation of functions in [register.h](#).

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Author

Luke Teacy

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